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Hello!

TRIPOD GRAPEVINE offers a free service which will interest some of your clients and/or their families. GRAPEVINE is a toll-free hotline primarily for families with a hearing impaired child. We invite you to share our number -- 800/352-8888 or CA 800/346-8888. Both numbers are voice or TDD.

The purpose of GRAPEVINE is to assist families concerned with the vital issues which arise when rearing a hearing impaired child (i.e., family acceptance, emotional well-being, education, social skills, legal rights, vocational/career education opportunities, etc.). Since there is no one encompassing answer in deafness, each of our responses is individually researched to provide unbiased up-to-date information.

When a family with a hearing impaired child needs someone to listen, has an idea, an article to read, or the name of someone nearby with a similar experience, TRIPOD'S GRAPEVINE is just a phone call away. TRIPOD has a National Advisory Board of experts in deafness and child development. In addition, TRIPOD has developed extensive files which can be called upon to help research responses to specific questions. The files are constantly updated.

If your organization or publication would be of interest to parents of deaf children, TRIPOD would be pleased to receive information to include in our files.

TRIPOD GRAPEVINE has responded to nearly 4000 callers since it began in the Fall of 1983. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call our toll free number.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lincoln, Coordinator  
TRIPOD GRAPEVINE

# If Your Child Is Hearing-Impaired Call the GRAPEVINE

**I**F YOU ARE CONCERNED with the vital issues of raising a hearing-impaired child—education, emotional well-being, family acceptance, social skills, legal rights—you are not alone.

**I**F YOU ARE CONFUSED by conflicting claims about current medical and technological advances for hearing-impaired children—you are not alone.

**I**F THE DEAF CULTURE or communicating with a deaf person is an entirely new world for you—you are not alone.

**T**HERE ARE an estimated one million hearing-impaired children in America. Over 90% are born to hearing parents, people with little or no knowledge of deafness. The TRIPOD GRAPEVINE is a national toll-free hotline for anyone with questions about raising and educating a deaf child. The sole purpose of the GRAPEVINE is to provide the support you need to make confident, well-informed decisions that are appropriate for your child and your family.



**T**HE GRAPEVINE PROVIDES clear, up-to-date information on raising and educating hearing-impaired children. The GRAPEVINE summarizes available services and where to find them. The GRAPEVINE will custom research your specific request, digging up the information you need. And, beyond facts and figures, you'll find support from someone who listens.

**T**HE GRAPEVINE IS backed by TRIPOD's National Advisory Board—made up of professionals, parents and deaf adults from across the country. Their experience and expertise are volunteered and available to callers.

**Y**OU ARE NOT ALONE. Explore the options, act on straightforward information. You have the support of people who have been there . . . you can hear it on The TRIPOD-GRAPEVINE.

TOLL-FREE V/TDD

**1 (800) 352 8888**

IN CALIFORNIA V/TDD

**1 (800) 346 8888**

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## You Are Not Alone ■ Call the GRAPEVINE

*"I am always interested in info on hearing aids and possible damage to residual hearing as my son has near normal hearing in one ear. The other ear is profoundly deaf. So I sure want to keep the good one in good shape! You have a great service—I wish all parents of newly diagnosed children would automatically find out about THE TRIPOD GRAPEVINE."*

J. P.  
Murray Hill, New Jersey

*"Thank you for being a friend when I needed one most!"*

D. S.  
Norfolk, Nebraska

*"Everyone was very helpful and informative. I only wish I had heard of THE TRIPOD GRAPEVINE sooner."*

L. B.  
Yorktown, Indiana

*"I would be interested in articles on teaching reading to deaf children, information on building oral and sign vocabulary, etc. Our son is four so I would like information appropriate to that age category. Thanks for your recent letter to me. THE TRIPOD GRAPEVINE is a much needed thing . . ."*

J. B.  
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

*"Thanks for telling me how important the parent support group is. I was not going to attend. But now I'm so glad I gave it a chance. I really look forward to talking to the other mothers and the hearing impaired children. Thanks for the idea!"*

M. V.  
Warren, Indiana

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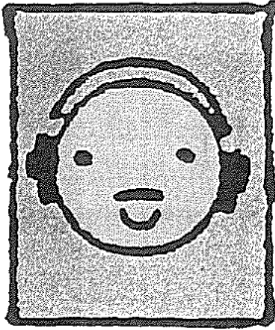
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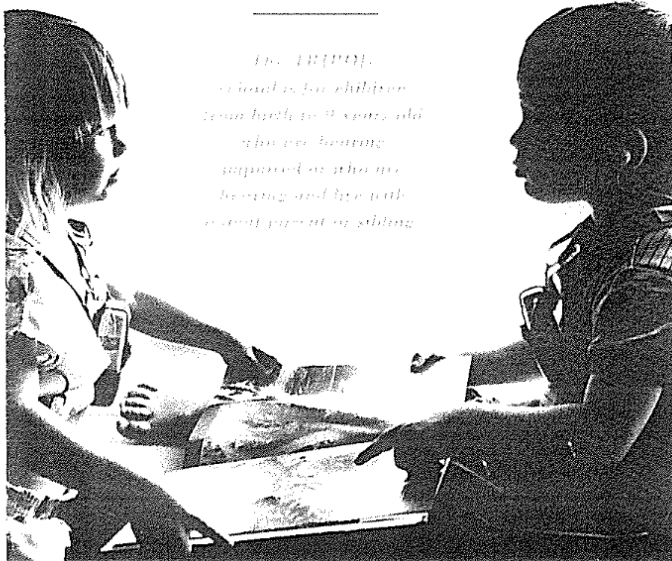
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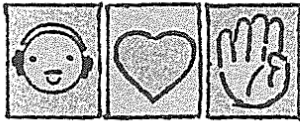
- A PRE-SCHOOL
- A DEMONSTRATION  
ELEMENTARY  
MAINSTREAM  
PROGRAM
- A NATIONAL  
TOLL-FREE  
HOTLINE
  
- A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS WITH  
HEARING-IMPAIRED CHILDREN
  
- A PARENT-INFANT/TODDLER  
PROGRAM

**A** HEARING LOSS can have a devastating effect on a young child. Hearing impaired children need very special interaction in order to communicate and learn. Although impaired speech is the most obvious effect of deafness, more serious are the lack of normal language development, social and emotional isolation and an inability to get information about the world.

The child sees much, but his parents cannot explain the world to him. The child wonders but cannot ask.



*TRIPOD,  
a fund for children  
from birth to 3 years, who  
also are hearing  
impaired or who are  
hearing and live with  
a deaf parent or sibling*



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