

Congenital Hearing Loss

Congenital hearing loss is partial or full deafness present at birth. It can affect one or both ears. Congenital hearing loss can be due to one or more parts of the outer or middle ear not having formed normally, or due to the nerves of the inner ear not having formed or not working properly. Congenital hearing loss can be caused by genes and hereditary (runs in the family) or by other factors present either while the baby is growing in the womb or at the time of birth.

For more information about congenital hearing loss, visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's website tinyurl.com/y79ws8pa.

Resources for families

Northwest support resources

- Hands and Voices Oregon
tinyurl.com/yaoqahqm
- Tucker Maxon Oral School
tinyurl.com/y73dyg4b
- Oregon School for the Deaf
tinyurl.com/y9mqlov2
- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center
tinyurl.com/y8ed6er5
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs
tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk

National/international/online resources

- Hands and Voices
tinyurl.com/bwjywt
- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
tinyurl.com/yb7kt9kn
- National Deaf Children's Society
tinyurl.com/ycjns8xd

Clinical trial information

- Children and Clinical Studies
tinyurl.com/y75s4twm
- Find an approved clinical trial
tinyurl.com/zp3jesq

Information for you and your care team

- Hearing Aids - Phoenix Children's Hospital
tinyurl.com/y65dzsvk

- Hearing Loss in Babies - Phoenix children's Hospital
tinyurl.com/y7l7aywp
- Cochlear Implant surgery - Phoenix children's Hospital
tinyurl.com/yalqokku
- Hearing Loss in Children - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
tinyurl.com/yaaaj8wy7

Family stories

- Amy's Story
tinyurl.com/ycjjebk8
- Helping Sam Hear Video - Children's Minnesota
tinyurl.com/yadxlcyu
- Hands and Voices Communicator membership only newspaper
tinyurl.com/yax2w7aa
- Parent Stories - Minnesota Hands & Voices
tinyurl.com/y7zucusq

Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)
tinyurl.com/ydfaeeoy
- Getting insurance for children (WA)
tinyurl.com/yca9lkey
- Understand your health insurance
tinyurl.com/y46h8nvx
- Learn about coverage
tinyurl.com/y4639rz6

- Road map to health
tinyurl.com/yysc6kv7
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

Other resources

- Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss
tinyurl.com/ydf7vzwj
- Parents Guide to Hearing Loss - CDC
tinyurl.com/y6uqwjtp
- Books of Interest - Tucker Maxon
tinyurl.com/ybrlv8gl
- Tucker Arts Camp - Tucker Maxon
tinyurl.com/y36yggrrk
- Planning guide for teens with hearing loss - Phonak
tinyurl.com/y7aqqed7

Books for parents and children

- Bibliography available by calling the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744
- Swindells' online library search
tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx