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## Special Needs

**Read these pages if your child has hearing loss and other conditions.**

If your child has other problems besides deafness, you may feel overwhelmed. You might feel like your child is the only one. Or maybe you find it hard to accept that your child has other problems. You're not alone. 20% to 40% of all children with hearing loss have other disabilities. That's almost half of all children with hearing loss!

### **Love your child for who he is**

It may be hard to accept that your child has other problems. But try to love your child for who he is. If you do, he will learn to love himself, too.

### **All children are different**

Children with other disabilities are all different. They have different kinds of disabilities. They work at different levels. And they learn in different ways. So no one can say what your child can or can't do.

You may have trouble finding people who know all about deafness **and** your child's other disabilities. But you can start by reading one of the sections below. And if you don't see a section for your child, check back here. More sections are coming soon!

[Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\)](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/adhd/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/adhd/>)

Does your child have trouble paying attention, or sitting still? It may not be just the deafness. Read this page to find out what ADHD is, and what help you can get.

[Autism](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/autism/)

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Autism is a serious problem. But there is help. Read this page to find out what autism can look like. Learn how you can help your child.

[Bipolar Disorder](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/bipolar/)

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Does your child's mood often change quickly from happy to angry?  
Is your child often depressed or sad?

Your child may have a bipolar disorder. Read this section to find out more about this.

[Central Auditory Processing Disorder \(CAPD\)](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/capd/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/capd/>)

Some children may have a hearing loss, and have trouble understanding what sounds they can hear. Others can hear fine, but can't understand what their brains are telling them. Read this page to find out how CAPD can affect your child. You'll also find out how you can help.

[Cerebral Palsy](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/cp/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/cp/>)

Children with cerebral palsy are more likely than other children to have a hearing loss. Read this section to find out what the signs of CP are, and how to help your child.

[Depression](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/depression/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/depression/>)

Does depression look different in deaf children? Can changes in hormones also look like depression? Read this section to find answers to these questions and more.

[Learning Disabilities](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/ld/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/ld/>)

If your child has problems learning to read, write or do math, read this section. You'll find information on what a learning disability is. You'll also find out what you can do to help.

[Meniere's Disease](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/menieres/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/menieres/>)

Does your child get dizzy spells? Does he sometimes feel like his ears should pop, but they don't? He may have Meniere's Disease. Read this section to find out more about it.

[Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder \(OCD\)](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/ocd/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/ocd/>)

Does your child seem to worry too much about things that could happen? Or does she need to do things over and over? She could have obsessive-compulsive disorder. Read this section to learn more about it.

[Tourette Syndrome](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/tourette/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/tourette/>)

Does your child make sounds or move in ways he can't control? He may have Tourette Syndrome. Read this section to learn more about it.

[Usher Syndrome](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/usher/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/special/usher/>)

Is your child starting to lose his sight? Having a child who has both a hearing and a vision loss may seem scary. But read these pages to learn more about it.

## **Other disorders**

[Auditory Neuropathy](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/types/an/) (<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/hearingloss/types/an/>)

Auditory neuropathy can be a confusing problem. Sometimes your child seems to hear, and sometimes he can't. It's hard to know. But read these pages to find out what you can do to help.

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