

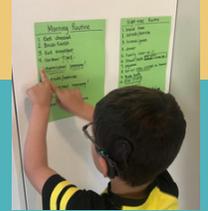
7 PARENT TIPS

Engaging in your Child's Education at Home

Now more than ever, parents need practical tips for supporting their child's learning at home. Parent engagement is the greatest predictor of a child's success. Here are some practical tips shared by parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.



1. Create a dedicated **SPACE** for learning.



2. Keep a **SIMPLE** but **FLEXIBLE**, structured **ROUTINE** so children know what to expect.



3. Take a **BREAK**.

Your relationship with your child comes first. It's okay to take a break! (Come back to learning when you are both ready.)



4. Include **OUTDOOR TIME** and physical activities too!



5. Include **INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS** like cooking, laundry, household problem-solving, and making phone calls.

6. **CELEBRATE** small victories and model positivity.



7. **SUPPORT SELF-ADVOCACY**

Teach your child to:

- Charge and take care of equipment
- Share with their teacher if they are struggling and request help
- Explain their need for accommodations so others understand



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

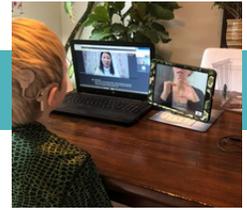
If you need help with supporting your child's education at home, connect with your child's education team (Early Intervention Provider, Teacher of the Deaf, Educational Audiologist, Speech Language Pathologist, etc.) and don't forget other parents!



MORE TIPS

Technology Access

- ✓ Reduce **DISTRACTIONS**, both visual and auditory.
- ✓ If appropriate, use an external **SPEAKER**, Bluetooth connection, and **HARDWIRE** the computer or laptop to the router for a more consistent connection.
- ✓ **PRE-RECORDED VIDEOS** of lessons allow children to learn at their own pace and take breaks when needed. Use videos with accurate **CAPTIONS** and/or **INTERPRETER** embedded options.
- ✓ “Live” connections (synchronous learning) with **PEERS** is important.
- ✓ **SPLIT-SCREENS**/two screens work well for some students with the “live feed” on one screen, and captioning or interpreting on the other.
- ✓ Cast to a **LARGER SCREEN** (Apple TV, Chromecast) or use a cord to connect to a TV screen.
- ✓ Use **ASSISTIVE DEVICES** if there is background noise, such as FM, DM or streamers (e.g. “mini-mics”).



MORE TIPS

Technology Resources

- ✓ Overview of **ONLINE TOOLS** to **CONNECT REMOTELY** www.connect-hear.com
- ✓ **CAPTIONS FOR ZOOM** (Includes options for Zoom and other programs) www.mihandsandvoices.org/astra
- ✓ Does your school know about **Loom Free Screen & Video Recording Software and Screencastify** The #1 Screen Recorder for Chrome? www.loom.com

MORE TIPS

At-Home Learning

- ✓ Hands & Voices **LANGUAGE, LITERACY, AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL** Parent Tips Sheets <https://www.handsandvoices.org/fl3/topics/tipsheets.html>
- ✓ Hands & Voices **Understanding and Using DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES** <https://www.handsandvoices.org/fl3/resources/pdfs/Developmental-Milestones.pdf>
- ✓ **At-Home Learning Tips From an Educator Mom** www.pbs.org/education/blog/at-home-learning-tips-from-an-educator-mom
- ✓ **Teaching Remotely to DHH Students** dcdec.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/teaching-remotely-to-dhh-students-tagged.pdf
- ✓ **FRIENDS LIKE ME** promotes social language and supervised peer to peer companionship in small groups for Oral, ASL, or Total Communication. signonconnect.com/friends-like-me/

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