



SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Parents and Friends
of the Hearing Impaired
225 Putnam Street
Marietta, OH 45750

A United Way Agency

Parents and Friends of the Hearing Impaired, Inc.

Parents and friends of the Hearing Impaired Inc. is an organization which began in 1974. It is composed of parents of deaf and hard of hearing and persons interested in the problems of the deaf and hard of hearing. As an informational source it serves to provide a social and educational climate as it works to fill the needs of children and adults with hearing problems and their families.

Programs of Organization include: Early Identification

Hearing problems need to be identified at an early age (0-3 years) so that proper remedial action can be taken. The group provides literature showing simple tests that can be used at home to determine if a potential hearing problem exists. If you suspect that there is a problem, tell your doctor immediately, and/or contact a hearing and speech clinic. There is a clinic at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Marietta, Ohio; St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Other clinics are available in most metropolitan areas.

Speech and Language Development Birth - 5 years

Important learning takes place during the first three years of life. To learn, the child must develop communication skills. The organization can refer parents with a deaf or hard of hearing child to a local tutor who is a certified teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. Financial aid is offered for low-income families in need of such tutoring.

Community Services

The organization can refer individuals to other groups for assistance in solving specific problems or to obtain educational material. Members of Parents and Friends welcome the opportunity to speak to organizations or agencies.

Parents and Friends meet bi-monthly at the offices of McCauley, Webster, & Emrick at 225 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio. Information can be obtained by calling (740) 423-9548 or (740) 373-1337 or by writing to: Parents and Friends of The Hearing Impaired, Inc., P.O. Box 196, Belpre, Ohio 45714.

Financial Assistance

The Parents and Friends offer financial assistance to low-income deaf and hard of hearing persons, for the purchase of TDD's flashing-light smoke detectors, signaling devices for door bells and telephones, and other special needs equipment for deaf or hard of hearing persons.

The Parents & Friends also offer referrals to hearing aid specialists and financing for the purchase of hearing aids for low-income residents. Funded by grants from the United Way of Washington County and the United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, this financial assistance program is available to residents of the service areas of these United Ways who have a family income of \$2,500.00 per month or less. Further information and funding applications can be obtained by contacting the Parents and Friends' contacts listed on the back of this brochure.

For more information
about the services of
Parents and Friends of
the Hearing Impaired,
Inc. please contact:

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**"Deafness is not a handicap
It is a challenge to conquer."**

Kitty O'Neill