QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Topic of the quarter: Understanding Audiograms

An audiogram is a graph that shows the softest sounds a person can hear at different pitches or frequencies. The closer the marks are to the top of the graph, the softer the sounds that can be heard. Where the patient's results fall on the audiogram indicate the different **degrees of hearing loss.** https://www.babyhearing.org/what-is-an-audiogram

Please add your questions comments to our Facebook chat https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm

Spot Light!



Robert Joseph (RJ) Armenta

We would like to "Spot Light" RJ Armenta. He currently attends the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe NM. He is 4 yrs old. He has bilateral hearing loss and wears hearing aids. He loves to play soccer, roller skate and play with his siblings.



Upcoming 2018 HVNM Events

February 17

Board Meeting -open to public 10:30 – 12:00 pm at Albuquerque Hearing & Balance

February 24

Las Cruces NM Community Event LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER 1501 North Solano Drive, Las Cruces New Mexico 88001

April 14

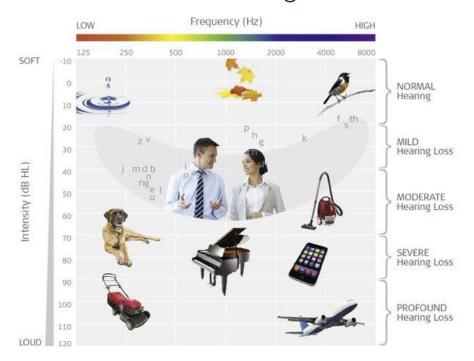
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We are looking for more Parents to join our board!

"What works for your child is what makes the choice right!"

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The Audiogram



Why is an Audiogram so important?

The Audiogram is an important tool to help explain your child's hearing loss. An Audiogram with pictures that represent sounds your child cannot hear gives a visual aid to those who are helping to educate and support your D/HH child.

How do I use my child's Audiogram?

Keeping a copy of your child's Audiogram with you during teacher conferences, recreational activities, and other social events can help you to describe your child's hearing loss, and help support special requests for your D/HH child.

Should I keep my child's Audiograms?

Over time your child's hearing could change. Keeping your child's audiogram is a great way to monitor changes. Don't worry if you have misplaced some of your child's Audiograms. Audiograms are part of your child's medical records so you can get copies from your Audiologist. Having your child's Audiogram readily available can save time to prove what kind of hearing loss your child has.

If you would like to get more information about Hands & Voices or the Guide by Your Side (GBYS) Program please call:

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In the Community

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