



A Beacon of Hope

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The *CARE* Project



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Growing Towards Acceptance

Undeniably, life's journey is full of challenges. Arriving with those hurdles are different emotions, dependent upon circumstances. An individual facing the challenge of hearing loss needs to be able to rely on a strong support system within the family and community. The CARE Project has a number of components designed to bring families and professionals together for sharing and processing emotions: one-day workshops, documentary film, reading materials, teaching/counseling materials, etc.

Learn to Advocate

CARE

- creates a sense of community
- provides basic information on challenges faced
- offers solutions
- opens doors for people to process grief
- ultimately moves people forward
- facilitates acceptance and advocacy for a fulfilling life.

CARE introduces each participant to people who have had similar experiences through a series of videotaped interviews and activities:

- Hearing daughter of mother who is deaf
- Hearing son of parents who are deaf/sibling who is deaf
- Adult man who is hard of hearing
- Adult woman who is culturally deaf
- Parent of child who is deaf/blind
- Professional
- Young adult CI recipient
- Multigenerational family:
 - 7 year old
 - His parents
 - His grandmother

