



# A Parent's Guide to Hearing Loss: One Step at a Time

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An Auditory/Verbal Approach

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our child has recently been diagnosed with a hearing loss, and we know only too well what you're going through. We first found out that our daughter Melissa had a hearing loss when she was eleven months old, and we were in a state of shock. We didn't know anyone who was deaf and didn't know where to turn. So many questions ran through our minds: will she ever learn to talk? Will she ever go to college? What will her life be like?

Once we found the proper support and education, we realized that everything would be okay.

When we suspected that our child had a hearing loss, we took her to the Center for Hearing and Communication. At CHC we found warm and caring professionals who helped guide us through the overwhelming decision making process, helping us to develop our next steps. Melissa began intensive speech and language therapy at CHC and learned to talk. CHC emphasized that our involvement as parents was critical to her progress and development. CHC also helped us to see that Melissa was just like any other kid; she just happened to have a hearing loss.

Melissa was mainstreamed throughout her entire education, which included graduating from Yale University and receiving her law degree from Georgetown University. She recently passed the Bar and is currently a practicing attorney in Washington D.C. She also has lots of friends and a full and active social life. In short, she is doing great!

So, take a deep breath, read this informational packet, and, as we did, with the help of the Center for Hearing and Communication, you too can assure a world without limits for your child.

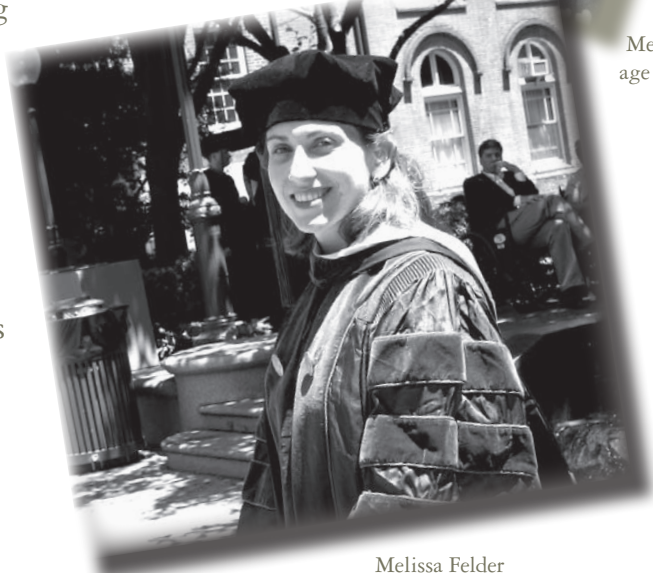
All our best wishes,

*Barry & Robyn Felder*

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Melissa Felder  
age 4



Melissa Felder  
Law School Graduation



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is to improve the quality of life for infants,  
children and adults with all degrees of hearing loss.

We accomplish our mission by providing hearing rehabilitation  
and human services for people who are hard of hearing  
or deaf, and their families, regardless of age,  
ability to pay, or mode of communication, and by  
striving to empower consumers to achieve their potential.

Our leadership is exemplified by adhering to the highest  
clinical standards, conducting extensive hearing conservation  
and public education programs about hearing, and  
developing best practice models for disciplines that  
relate to hearing and research.



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