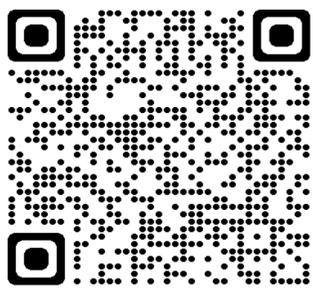
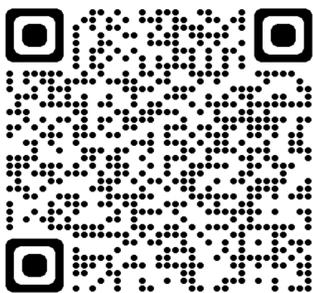


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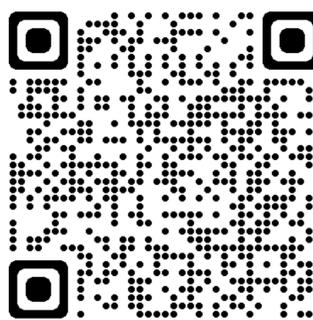
[Hands & Voices: Communication Considerations
\(handsandvoices.org\)](https://handsandvoices.org)



[More Than Hearing Loss
\(cincinnatichildrens.org\)](https://cincinnatichildrens.org)



[Preparing to Teach, Committing to Learn
\(infanthearing.org\)](https://infanthearing.org)



[Additional Learning Needs
\(aucd.org\)](https://aucd.org)

More Than Hearing Loss

- More than 40% of children who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) have additional health problems or developmental delays.
- These additional diagnoses can range from mental health challenges to learning disabilities to blindness to cerebral palsy.
- Additional disabilities and/or diagnoses can occur because of the same factor that caused the hearing loss (genetics, illness, etc.) or be completely unrelated to the hearing loss.
- People who are D/HH with additional diagnoses are sometimes referred to as deaf plus or deaf with disabilities.
- It may be more difficult for professionals to diagnose some learning or developmental disabilities in a child who is D/HH because people may attribute certain symptoms to the hearing loss.
- The combination of hearing loss and other health or developmental diagnoses can make interventions for either one difficult, as each diagnosis (and each individual) brings with it its own obstacles and needs.
- It is important for people who work with a child who is deaf with disabilities to know all of the disabilities a child has, even if it may seem like it wouldn't apply to a certain professional. This way, professionals can be aware of the combination of factors that may affect the goals they are working toward.
- For example, it is important for a child's physical therapist to know they are D/HH so the therapist can communicate effectively; at the same time, it is important for an audiologist to know about a child's motor delays in order to provide accessibility and cater requests to the child's unique motor abilities.
- Additional disabilities can make the listening and communication challenges experienced by a child who is D/HH even more difficult to overcome.

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