



Resources for Spanish speaking families and their children

At Illinois Hands & Voices, we strive to support parents and families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. One of the many ways we support these families is by educating them on different topics related to hearing loss. After the initial diagnosis and through-out the years, parents will need to make informed decisions when it comes to their child's hearing options, hearing devices, communication modes, schooling, etc. Parents are initially overwhelmed with the diagnosis, and this is when we need to support them the most. In the next days, weeks, months, and years, they will make the most important choices that will help their child reach his/her maximum potential in his/her future. To make these important decisions parents need to be well informed, and this is our main goal. We want to help them become experts in the on their child's disability. This way, when they attend clinical appointments they will understand: the terminology, what the test results mean, and what the recommendations are. They can ask questions to clear their doubts and help them feel confident with the decisions they are about to make. We want to empower parents with unbiased information and knowledge, so they can decide what is best for their child and their family.

But how can we provide this support to Spanish speaking families that might experience language barriers? Here at IL Hands & Voices there are no barriers. We support Spanish speaking families the same way we support our English-speaking families. We provide them with educational materials, answer questions, and connect them with other parents, professionals and centers around the state. We do all of this in written and spoken Spanish. We have a Spanish committee dedicated to support these families. We have Spanish speaking trained Parent Guides through our Guide By Your Side Program (a free support for families) and professionals on the board who are native Spanish speakers.

In recent years, we have done more than ever before for our Spanish families. We have connected with different Spanish speaking professionals across the country, who have graciously shared their knowledge with our families. In turn, we have created a video library of short lectures and mini seminars in Spanish. We are very excited to share with our Spanish speaking families a list of topics they can learn more about such as:

- *Diagnosis of a hearing loss*
- *Pediatric hearing tests*
- *Hearing devices*
- *Cochlear implants*
- *Psychological effects*
- *Auditory verbal therapy*
- *Auditory brain development*



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We have recorded each of these lectures and thanks to Illinois Sounds Beginnings the videos and presentations are uploaded to a YouTube channel. Parents can then watch these courses on YouTube while they commute to their jobs, take a break at work, or after everyone in the family has gone to bed. Most importantly, the courses are provided by Spanish speaking professionals in fluent Spanish so we overcome the language barrier thus creating a deeper connection and response from families.

We hope that parents can rely on our lectures to learn about hearing loss, audiology, speech and language development, communication modes, etc. Parents have their child's future in their hands, adding this knowledge is a powerful tool to help them shape their child's potential to be the best they can be.

Please help us spread the word, and by sharing our contact details with Spanish speaking families. We would be delighted to connect with them through our Parent Guides, invite them to our family events, and share with them new information on different topics as well as our latest videos/lectures.

The links to our videos can be found on our website:

<https://ilhandsandvoices.wordpress.com/espanol/>.

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| Diagnostico de Perdidas Auditivas Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | New Diagnosis: Hearing Loss and What is a Hearing Test Battery. By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Comprendiendo el Diagnostico de Pérdidas Auditivas Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri, (Audióloga) | New Audiology Terms & Their Meaning To Help You Better Understand Results & Recommendations By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Citas de Control y Monitoreo de Pérdidas Auditivas Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | Follow Up Appointments: A Live Time Commitment By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Selección de Audífonos y Expectativas Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | Hearing Aids: Selection & Expectations By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| La transición de Audífonos a Implantes Cocleares Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | The Transition from Hearing Aids to Cochlear Implants By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Que esperar después de un implante coclear Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | What to Expect in the Years to Follow After Cochlear Implantation By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Tecnología para niños con hipoacusias en el aula escolar Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri & Dr. Vienet Romero (Audiólogos) | Classroom Technology for Kids with Hearing Loss By Dr. Alejandra Ullauri & Dr. Vienet Romero (Audiologists) |
| Dificultades adicionales y perdidas auditivas Presentadora: Dra. Ivette Cejas (Ph.D en Psicología) | Hearing Loss y otras dificultades de aprendizaje By. Dr. Ivette cejas (Ph.D in Psychology) |
| Creciendo Bilingüe con una pérdida auditiva Presentadora: Dra. Alejandra Ullauri (Audióloga) | Growing up bilingual with a hearing loss By. Dr. Alejandra Ullauri (Audiologist) |
| Aprendizaje auditivo y desarrollo cerebral Presentadora: Patóloga de Lenguaje Laura Corcoran | Auditory Learning/Brain Development By Speech Pathologist Laura Corcoran |
| Terapia Auditivo Verbal Presentadora Dra. Alliette Alfano (Ph.D. Patología de Lenguaje) | Auditory Verbal Therapy By. Dr. Allitte Alfano |