A Deaf Child: A Family Affair

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Her motto: “NO DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING CHILD SHOULD BE A STRANGER IN HER/HIS OWN HOME.” Parents for Deaf Awareness, NJ 1980

Program Description:
A Parent spending more time on the deaf child; siblings feeling left out; deaf child feeling like a stranger in own home - these are the examples of challenges that parents often struggle within their unbalanced household.

We view parents as the child’s first and best teachers, who aim to provide a nurturing environment where their child/ children can learn and grow. Brothers and sisters, grandparents, child-care providers – all of these people are important, too.

This highly interactive workshop will discuss how attitude, communication, education and support help restore balance in the family household.

Intended Audience:
Parents, Teachers, and counselors