



## Deaf Hispanics

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### **What information is there on deaf Hispanics?**

The nation's deaf Hispanic community is continuing to grow, with more conferences, organizations, and websites about deaf Hispanics. A good portion of future growth in deaf and hard of hearing organization membership may come from the Hispanic community.

### **Is there a Deaf Hispanic chapter in New Mexico?**

Yes, New Mexico Hispanic Council of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, [www.nmhcdhh.org/](http://www.nmhcdhh.org/)

### **Is there a national organization for Hispano Deaf?**

Yes, there is a national organization that is called Council de Manos. It has evolved from past organizational efforts in the deaf Latino community. It currently has a headquarters office at the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Website, [www.councildemanos.org/](http://www.councildemanos.org/).

### **Are there conferences for Hispano Deaf?**

Yes, the deaf Latino community holds conferences. The Council de Manos announces conference information on its website ([www.councildemanos.org/](http://www.councildemanos.org/)). Some state organizations also hold their own conferences.

There are 3 state organizations: Texas Latino Council of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ([www.tlcdhh.org](http://www.tlcdhh.org)), Illinois Deaf Latino Association ([www.idlanews.com/membership.html](http://www.idlanews.com/membership.html)), and Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association of the Metropolitan DC area ([www.ldhhamdc.org](http://www.ldhhamdc.org)).

### **Is there Spanish-language Deafness Resources?**

For parents and teachers of deaf and hard of hearing children who speak Spanish, there are Spanish-language resources available to cover every spectrum of deafness. Some websites on parenting deaf and hard of hearing children offer Spanish-language versions of their sites. One such site is [www.raisingdeafkids.org/spanish/](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/spanish/)

Some Spanish-speaking parents may have difficulty understanding their deaf children's American Sign Language and English. The Signing Fiesta series of videos helps these parents develop basic vocabularies for communication, literacy skills, and daily living communication skills. One of these has the theme "A Visit to the Audiologist." The website is: [www.signingfiesta.com/](http://www.signingfiesta.com/)