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Rehabilitation Tips

Rehabilitation is a crucial part of children’s journey to hearing with cochlear implants. Beginning rehabilitation as early an age as possible is essential as a child’s greatest facility for learning language occurs during the first two to three years of life. Therefore, in order to effectively learn spoken language, a child’s hearing must be stimulated and listening skills developed during this critical time. Studies of child development and neurophysiologic studies of neural plasticity in the human and other mammalian auditory systems confirm this concept.

This course provides an overview of how parents can teach their deaf children the language through hearing and speaking. They will learn how they should teach their children to hear and speak and how they can get access to resources and specialists.

Rachel is a bilateral cochlear implant recipient who is one of the first 200 children in the United States to receive a cochlear implant at the age of two and a half years old as part of the clinical trials in 1989 when it was not yet approved by the FDA for children.