



Centre for Community Child Health

# The Establishment of the Australian Childhood Deafness Community Advisory Group

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## Why establish a Community Advisory Group?

**Ensure the voices of those with lived experience are being valued and heard**

**Help to improve the quality and relevance of research**

**Reduce health inequities among deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in Australia**





## What is the AusChildDeafness-CAG?

**Australian Childhood Deafness Research Community Advisory Group**

*Giving voice to families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing in Australia*



**AUS CHILD  
DEAFNESS**

**COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY  
GROUP**



## Who applied?

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**Mothers/female carers**

**University educated**

**Born in Australia**

**English main language spoken at home**

**Variety of type, level and cause of child's hearing loss**





## Who did not apply?

**Fathers/male carers**

**Culturally and linguistically diverse  
community members, including sign language  
users**

**Young people who are deaf or hard of hearing**

***Targeted call out for  
representation from  
these groups***





## What does the AusChildDeafness-CAG do?

**Provide meaningful input to universities, services and research organisations.**

**Ensure that children, young people, and families have a say in the research that is carried out about them**





## How is AusChildDeafness-CAG funded?

**Established with the support of ANCHOR**

**Researchers to remunerate members as part of any agreed collaboration**

**Ongoing funding through collaboration with Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Deafness Forum Australia**  
**- *data storage, administration costs***



## Key takeaway points

**Diversity of members**

**Remuneration of members**

**Research training for members**

**Governance and ongoing  
funding**

**Establishing relationships to  
contribute to  
future research collaborations**





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