

# CAFÉ CON LENGUAJE

An Online Resource for Families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants and Toddlers in Puerto Rico

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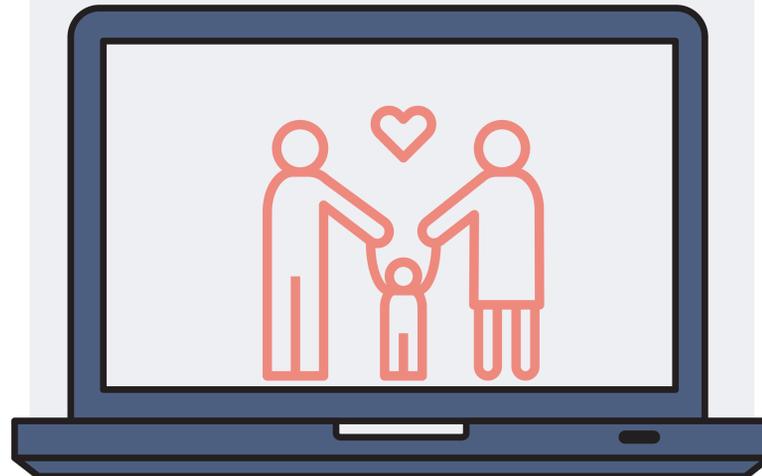
## INTRODUCTION

The rise of COVID-19 around the globe has created a unique opportunity for providers to digitally share resources with families and professionals alike. While there are several websites dedicated to early intervention services in the United States, few have been geared towards Spanish-speaking families of deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers in Puerto Rico.

## THE STATISTICS

It is estimated the number of deaf and hard of hearing adults on the island is 218,495 (about 8.4% of the population[CDC, 2018]) For my graduate capstone project in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants, Toddlers and Families certificate program, I am developing a free, accessible website in which Puerto Rican families can find reputable resources related to the development of their deaf and hard of hearing infant or toddler.

- Puerto Rican sign language
- Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening
- Early childhood Deaf education
- Early intervention services
- Socioemotional development
- Spoken language development



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## CONCLUSION

While information related to these topics are available in the United States, few websites have been designed in Spanish with the needs of the Puerto Rican community at its forefront. This project will address the lack of resources related to sign language and potential Deaf adult contacts in Puerto Rico by connecting families with resources related to sign language classes offered by Deaf adults.

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