Once is Not Enough

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Process of Grief
Grief is...

• Personal
• Unique
• Random
Awareness of grief process is critical to successful child and family outcomes.
Emotional Support
“The key to a successful integration of hearing loss into a family is the degree to which parents are able to integrate hearing loss into their lives.”

(D. Luterman, 2006)
The emotional response to the child’s hearing loss is independent of the degree of loss.

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A child’s success is independent of the degree of hearing loss....parental attitude and involvement are the determining factors in how well a child will do.
The lack of follow through on the part of a parent does not necessarily mean they don’t care.
1st Question

How are you doing?
2nd Question

How is your husband/wife/partner/other doing?
“Spend at least as much time listening as you spend talking.”

(J. L. Yanz, 2006)
Men and Women ARE Different!
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<td>Visible evidence unlikely.</td>
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<td>Will engage in intellectual problem solving.</td>
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<td>Need for privacy &amp; solitude.</td>
<td>Focus &amp; investment in the past.</td>
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