

Services for Families with Infants and Toddlers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Early Intervention Services Can Help Your Child and Family

Children who have been identified as deaf or hard of hearing will be offered services from Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) and from a certified teacher of the deaf or hard of hearing, also called a Parent Advisor.

Hearing differences may affect your child's ability to develop communication and language. The earlier your family begins receiving early intervention services from ECI and a Parent Advisor, the more likely it is that your child will reach his or her full potential.¹



Early Childhood Intervention:

- Serves children ages birth to 36 months including those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Helps children reach their full potential in all areas of growth and development.
- Finds services in the community to assist your family.

Parent Advisors:

- Understand early language development in children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Support your communication and language choices for your child and family.
- Help your family address any concerns you have about your child's hearing level and development.
- Connect your family with resources, including other parents.
- Support your child's use of hearing technology, such as hearing aids or cochlear implants².

ECI and Parent Advisors work with you to:

- Identify strengths and needs for your child.
- Help your child learn communication and language naturally through their daily interactions and activities.
- Help you develop skills and activities to support your child's communication and language needs.
- Give your family experience, knowledge and confidence to help your child develop and learn.



Your ECI Service Coordinator can schedule a meeting with the Parent Advisor in your area so you can learn more about how these services can guide and support your child and family!



Contact Information

If you have questions or need more information, please contact:

Early Childhood Intervention:
Visit citysearch.hhsc.state.tx.us
to find your local ECI program.

State Outreach Center at the Texas School for the Deaf:
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¹ Statewide Outreach Center Texas Deaf Education website: www.texasdeafed.org/birthto3

² Hearing Loss Treatment and Intervention Services. June 8, 2020. Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/treatment.html>