

Other Resources:

- Boys Town National Research Hospital

www.babyhearing.org

402-498-6511 or TTY 402-498-6543

- Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program

(ITEIP):

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/iteip/>

360-725-3500 or TTY 360-407-1087

- National Center for Hearing Assessment and

Management (NCHAM)

<http://www.infanthearing.org>

435-797-3584 or use 711 Exchange

- Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(ODHH),

<http://odhh.dshs.wa.gov>

360-902-8000 Voice/TTY

or 1-800-422-7930

Voice/TTY



www.kitsapicc.org

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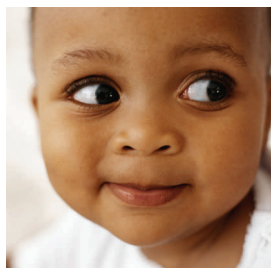
*Contact the
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Services

Families have access to early intervention services provided by specialists with specific training in working with infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing. An individualized



family service plan (IFSP) is developed for each child and family. A variety of services and supports are available. Services are

provided and resources are available in the family's chosen method of communication. Care focuses on strengths and follows the family's vision and priorities. Developmentally appropriate parent/infant groups, and play-groups are available. Parent support groups and sign-language classes may be accessed if you choose. Services can be provided in the home as needed. Speech therapy is also available. Family Resources Coordinators work to meet the child and family needs to access necessary services and assist with transition to other resources when

children turn three years of age.



Family Centered Early Intervention

- Family Resources Coordinators (FRCs) link families with a variety of services.
- Information regarding communication options for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is provided.
- Support in selecting a communication approach.
- Support for children/families in learning the communication approach of their choice.
- Specialized services and assistive technology as appropriate.
- FRCs connect families with audiological services and monitoring of hearing aids/cochlear implants.
- Assistance in helping the child learn to effectively wear and/or use assistive devices
- Opportunities are available to gain support and information from a variety of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, and other parents of children with hearing concerns (e.g., parent mentoring program).
- Access to deaf culture activities.



When families need to move out of the area, assistance is provided to connect them with early intervention service providers in new communities. Assistance is provided when children turn three years old and transition to public schools.



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