

Follow-up Checklist When a child is Identified With a Permanent Hearing Loss

Medical Follow-Up in the Medical Home

- Is the child's primary care provider (medical home) fully informed about all diagnoses and follow up and intervention activities?
- Has the child received appropriate medical specialty evaluations to help determine the cause of the loss and the type of treatment needed?
 - Otolaryngology evaluation to determine the etiology of the loss and to identify related medical conditions that may affect treatment;
 - Ophthalmological evaluation to assess vision;
 - Medical genetics consultation to help determine etiology of loss and the potential for related conditions.

Audiological Follow-Up

- Is the child being followed by a pediatric audiologist on a regular basis? (e.g., in the process of being fit for amplification, refinement of amplification, monitoring of hearing sensitivity for possible progression of loss, evaluation of acceptance and use of hearing aids, etc.)
- Have the child's siblings been screened for hearing loss as well?

Early Intervention

- Has the child been referred to the State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program and the local early intervention program?
- Have staff at your program received education or consultation from an audiologist and/or professional in deaf education regarding the support and inclusion of a child with hearing loss (how to check hearing aids, batteries, classroom modifications)?

Family Support and Other Resources

- Has the family received support from professionals and other families in making educational and early intervention decisions?