COLORADO HOME INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Serving Children with Hearing Loss and Their Families
The CHIP FAMILY Assessment

Developed by the Colorado Home Intervention (CHIP) staff, the CHIP FAMILY Assessment is a diagnostic tool. The child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing is videotaped while playing with family members or peers. The child’s videotaped responses are then assessed by trained coders, who enter the responses into a set of computer programs.

The results are then compiled. The information is used to:

- Set goals for the child
- Select the appropriate techniques to achieve those goals
- Monitor the child’s progress toward those goals

This same data supports continuing research in the field of hearing loss.

CHIP PROVIDES

Ongoing assessments:
Setting new goals and using new techniques that keep pace with the child’s progress.

A liaison service with therapists:
A link between the family, therapists, teachers, and service coordinators.

Family-centered programming:
Helping parents set the pace and goals for their child’s therapy.

Financial assistance.
A home speech/listening/communication program: Helping parents find their child the proper therapy at each developmental stage.

A link to the CHIP FAMILY Assessment: Helping parents monitor their child’s progress.

An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP): Helping families to prioritize and address their concerns.

Skilled parent facilitators: Backed by years of training and familiarity with the newest techniques and technology.

A lending library for parents.
CHIP Family Connections Project

In the Family Connections Project, arrangements are made for a local deaf or hard-of-hearing adult to visit the family’s home. These individuals serve as a source of information and support for the parents, as well as providing the child with a successful role model representing the deaf or hard-of-hearing community.

Through such visits, the Family Connections Project hopes to begin a necessary process: establishing links – links between child and parents; between child and community; and between parents and community.
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This unique program, offered by the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, is designed specifically to serve families of children with hearing loss, from birth to preschool, in the secure surroundings of their own homes.

At the heart of CHIP is the parent facilitator. Working with the family, the parent facilitator designs an individual program that fits both the family's needs and the child's learning style.

The facilitator then helps family members develop techniques to encourage their child's speech, language and listening skills. And because the program takes place in the familiar surroundings of the home, the best service possible can be provided for both child and family.

Most children with hearing loss, birth to age three, are eligible for the program. In addition, families receive the program during their children's transition to preschool.

All families are invited to contract with our program. Public funding is available and is determined by family size, income, and resources. Insurance co-payments are accepted. Hearing evaluations and hearing aids can be fully funded when eligibility is met and resources are available.
Referrals are accepted from any source.

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