

# **Columbus Hearing Impaired Program**



## **Regional Infant Hearing Program**



A joint project of Columbus Public Schools  
and the Ohio Department of Health

Information and outreach services, at no  
cost, for families of infants and toddlers  
(birth to 3 years of age) who are Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing

## ELIGIBILITY

Families with an infant or toddler who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and reside in one of the following counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, or Union

## COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

- Provide information regarding the impact that being deaf or hard-of-hearing has on speech and language developmentt
- Provide information regarding hearing aids, cochlear implants, and communication options
- Develop strategies to promote auditory and communication skills
- Provide links to community resources and additional service providers



## SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Home visits from a teacher of the Deaf and a Speech Language Pathologist, who are SKI-HI certified
- Parent Support Group/Toddler Group
- Audiological Consultation
- Home visits from a Deaf mentor

## PROGRAM STAFF

- **Teacher of the Deaf** to provide families with unbiased information regarding hearing loss and communication issues, as well as direct intervention strategies to promote auditory, language, and cognitive development.
- **Speech Language Pathologist** to provide families with direct intervention strategies for the development of their childrens' speech and language skills.
- **Audiologist** to provide ongoing monitoring of hearing levels and to evaluate the functioning and benefit of amplification systems.
- **Deaf Mentor** to provide information regarding Deaf culture and opportunities to interact with the Deaf community.



Referrals may be made to:

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