



**"For the first time,
we had answers
about what she
was dealing with
and how to help
her thrive. They
have not only
educated her
family but also
her teachers
about students
with hearing loss."**



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WHERE BELONGING BEGINS FOR DEAF
& HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN



1 in 100 school-age children are deaf or hard of hearing.

Beginnings SC educates, advocates and facilitates for and with parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

ABOUT BEGINNINGS SC

Beginnings SC is a statewide nonprofit that works to inform parents as they make decisions about their child who is deaf or hard of hearing. We strive to ensure that children are screened for hearing differences sooner rather than later to maximize brain development.

OUR MISSION

To provide expert knowledge and individualized planning strategies for parents, professionals, & communities to promote successful outcomes for children who are deaf or hard of hearing in South Carolina.

We take great pride in who we are as an organization, using our love of learning, zest for life, curiosity, and humor to inspire hope for families. With over three decades of combined experience, we began this work in South Carolina because it was not here before us.

Beginnings can help parents face the challenges of hearing differences and find avenues for assistance that can lead to a child's happy and successful adulthood.



We believe every child living with different hearing status in South Carolina will reach his or her fullest potential.

OUR PROGRAMS

Parent Counseling

As a parent, you are the key to your deaf or hard of hearing child's journey. We support parents like you with education and support, *free of charge*, from birth to age 21.

Technical Assistance & Training

We share best practice strategies for hearing differences with pediatricians, educators, and the community.

Hearing Screenings

Early intervention screenings in diverse settings are essential to identifying hearing differences. We provide free OAE screenings to child care programs across South Carolina.

Advocacy & Policy

We collaborate with legislators, agencies, and influencers to promote policies that benefit those who are deaf or hard of hearing. We provide information so that you, too, can become involved in these efforts.

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