

WORKING WITH YOUR EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM



Early intervention services play an important role in supporting both children with hearing loss and their families. These services are typically provided by a team of professionals that may include ENT's, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, auditory verbal therapists, early childhood educators, teachers of the deaf, and family support specialists.

Each professional brings unique expertise to help support a child's communication and developmental needs. However, family-centered early intervention approaches emphasize that parents remain the most important experts on their child. Parents know their baby's personality, preferences, and daily routines better than anyone.

Successful early intervention relies on collaboration between families and professionals. Together, the team works to establish goals that reflect both the child's developmental needs and the family's values and priorities. Professionals may demonstrate communication strategies, provide resources, and help families incorporate learning opportunities into everyday routines.

Parents are encouraged to ask questions, share observations, and discuss strategies that work well at home. Open communication helps ensure that support services are meaningful and effective.

When families and professionals work together as partners, children benefit from consistent guidance and a supportive environment that encourages communication and development.