Refer deaf or hard of hearing children within seven days of diagnosis

This information can help you meet the legal requirement to make a referral to your state’s Early Intervention program as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after the child has been identified with a permanent hearing loss. This applies to all children from birth to three (3) years of age.

Rationale

Children who are born deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) are at risk for developmental delay because they may lack early exposure to an accessible language. In addition, some D/HH children may be born with other conditions that also result in a developmental delay. You will help D/HH children have better outcomes by referring them to timely Early Intervention.

The sooner you refer, the sooner the infant or child who is D/HH will receive the necessary services to help the child reach his or her full potential.

How to refer

To locate your local Early Intervention program, contact

• The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center http://ectacenter.org/contact/ptccoord.asp

OR


For more information on Early Intervention: go to http://ectacenter.org/partc/303regs.asp

My local Early Intervention program’s number is: