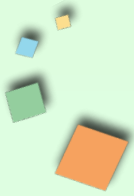


Professionals in many settings engage young children in daily language-learning activities, unaware that some have a hearing loss.



How can we help providers to incorporate hearing screening as a vital step in language development and school readiness?

### The Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative



at Utah State University serves as the National Resource Center on Early Hearing Detection and Intervention to Early Head Start and other early childhood education and health care providers desiring to provide hearing screening to young children. Since 2001, over 100,000 underserved children living in poverty have received the benefits of periodic hearing screening and follow-up. Children identified as deaf or hard-of-hearing are being connected with the hearing and language intervention services



they need to succeed.

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Most young children are not yet receiving the benefits of periodic hearing screening. They could potentially be screened by education and health care providers who are already committed to language development and school readiness. Training and technical assistance to professionals at the in-service and pre-service levels is needed in a variety of settings.

Early Intervention Programs

Home Visiting Programs

Health Care Clinics

Early Care & Education Programs