



Dear Parents,

Every expectant parent plans on a healthy child and begins building hopes, dreams and expectations for their new baby. These dreams can be altered when a child is diagnosed with a hearing loss or impairment. Many parents have suggested the diagnosis of their child's hearing loss initiated a mourning process, as well as a new sense of responsibility. With the realization of your child's hearing loss comes the responsibility to gather information, make decisions, and help your baby to grow the best you can.

We understand the dedication, time commitment and sense of overwhelming that comes with this responsibility. The ***Babies and Hearing Loss Notebook*** was created through the collaborative efforts of parents who have been where you are now and professionals who have dedicated their lives to making the "systems" work for you and your child. After a year of loving commitment, enthusiasm, and perseverance, The Wisconsin Sound Beginnings Parent Notebook Committee hopes that this resource will help guide you and your family during this emotional and busy time as well as in the years to come. Even though you may not be ready to use it all right away, it is here for you when you are.

We are very interested in your thoughts on what you found useful or not about this resource and how we can continue to make this notebook more helpful to families. We have included a feedback form at the back of the notebook or you may write to the Wisconsin Sound Beginnings Program at:

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