### How can the DHH Program help you?

We help children with hearing loss find strategies and technologies that will work best for them to learn and grow.

We help parents communicate with their children and understand all options available.

We help schools create learning environments that support children with hearing loss.

#### It includes:

- Parent Infant Program
- School based consulting
- Sign communication support

#### Our Staff

Our team of experienced professionals work in all corners of the state. We provide consulting services, support with hearing assistive technologies as well as direct services to children. We are:

- Licensed teacheers of the deaf, audiologists and speach-language pathologists.
- Specially trained to work with educators, families and children with hearing loss or language delays.

### The Deaf and Hard of Hearing School-Based Consulting Program

Our school-based consulting program includes direct service and educational assessments for children age 3 to 21 who are deaf or hard of hearing. We include the following elements in our program:

- Recommendation for accommodations which increase access for deaf and hard of hearing children in educational environments
- Educational support around listening skills, speech and language development, communication methodologies, educational placement, audiological and ENT evaluations and recommendations
- Liaison between educators, administrators, medical providers and audiological personnel
- Expertise with the selection, fitting, use and maintenance of hearing assistive technologies in schools
- Assistance with interviewing and hiring qualified support staff
- In-service training for staff and peers regarding hearing loss, equipment and accommodations
- Participation in educational team meetings relating to students who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Residential program consultations,
- Annual Adventure Day gathering for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students grade 4-12

### Sign Communication Support Program

#### Our sign instructors:

- Provide individualized sign language instruction to children ages 0-21, their families or educational teams
- Determine baseline sign language skills, monitor progress and assess sign language skill development
- Guide and mentor families in their awareness and understanding of Deaf culture and the Deaf community
- Participate in child education team meetings
- Provide in service training as needed



# NINE EAST NETWORK

Nine East Network is dedicated to serving Vermont's children, schools and agencies. Our team of experienced professionals offer direct services, education, training and consultation throughout Vermont

We support children, schools and families in creating appropriate learning opportunities for children experiencing learning and communication challenges.

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