

REACH



Referral,

Evaluation,

Audiology,

Communication
for Children with

Hearing Loss

A Regional Infant Hearing Program

Free of charge

*Information & Outreach Services for Families of
Infants & Toddlers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*

A program serving Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Lucas,
Henry, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams and Wood counties
supported by a grant from The Ohio Department
of Health facilitated by Flower Hospital.

When parents and families discover their infant or toddler has a hearing loss, they need to know where to turn for help.

REACH is a FREE program that works with other existing programs to see that families get all the help they need. By working together, we ensure that families with infants who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, who have received a cochlear implants, or who have a hearing loss due to chronic ear infections receive the information and help they need to understand their child's hearing loss. Getting help early is important.

REACH provides families with the ongoing support of an outreach coordinator who is an early intervention specialist experienced in working with deaf and hard-of-hearing infants.

This support includes:

- Home visits as needed
- Information about the wide variety of options available
- Regular progress checks
- Suggestions for building communication and language
- Information about child development
- Links to audiology, speech therapy, and family support services

REACH - helping you make informed choices

Enables you to feel more confident as a parent to make decisions for your child.

Helps you to gather information.

Encourages you to learn about hearing and hearing loss.

Allows you to sort through the "alphabet soup" of early intervention.

Helps you explore all communication.

Shows you how play is important in language development.

Shares with you how the basics of child development affect your child.

Assists you in creating a plan to meet all your child's needs.

Teaches you about amplification, hearing aids and equipment.

Promotes ways for you to begin to meet individuals of all ages who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Aids you in building a support system for yourself, your child and your family.

Provides you with ways to form friendships with other families.

Helps you to develop ongoing partnerships with community resources.

Challenges you to recognize your child's and family's strengths.

Explores with you all the possibilities.

Joins with you to celebrate your child!



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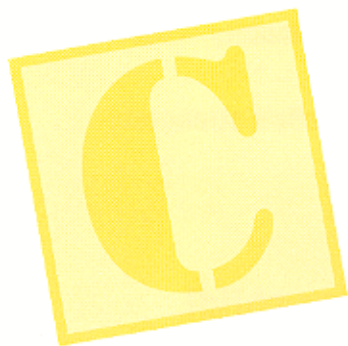
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**Early assessment,
early identification and
early education can make
a difference in the life
of a child with hearing loss.**

REACH can help.

**When you are aware of choices,
you can make informed decisions
that are best for you and your child.**



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information and assistance with a
family-centered focus.**

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