

# Regional Infant Hearing Program

A **FREE** program designed to provide education and information to parents of children birth to three years with hearing loss.

Serving  
the following  
counties:

Allen  
Ashland  
Auglaize  
Crawford  
Hancock  
Hardin  
Knox  
Marion  
Mercer  
Morrow  
Paulding  
Putnam  
Richland  
Van Wert  
Wyandot



# What is the Regional Infant Hearing Program?

The Regional Infant Hearing Program is a FREE program that works with other existing programs to assist families in obtaining all of the services that they want and need. The Regional Infant Hearing Program works with families with children birth to three who:

- Are deaf or have a hearing loss
- Have risk factors for hearing loss
- Have received cochlear implants
- Have a hearing loss due to chronic ear infections

We want to ensure that a family receives the information and help they need to understand their child's hearing loss. The emphasis of this program is on family involvement and our services are individualized to meet each family's specific needs.

# Support

*We support our families by:*

**Assisting** you in coordinating with local hospitals to ensure follow up on the results of your child's universal newborn hearing screening.

**Sharing** information with you through home visits.

**Supporting** you in gathering information about the wide variety of communication options that are available to your and your child.

**Promoting** ways for you to build communication and language with your child.

**Sharing** information with you about child development.

**Linking** you with audiology and speech therapy, family support services and other community programs.

**Connecting** you with other parents.

# Our Mission Is...

*"to provide families who have children, birth to three years of age, with hearing loss or who are deaf the information and support needed to help them grow and develop."*

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

When you are aware of the choices, you can make an informed decision that is best for you and your child.

**"Children with early-identified hearing loss who receive appropriate intervention services demonstrate significantly better language, speech, and social-emotional development than later-identified children."**

Christie Yoshinaga-Itano & Judith S. Gravel,  
*American Journal of Audiology*, December 2001



# Getting Started...

When families discover that their child has a hearing loss, they need to know where to turn for help.

## The Regional Infant Hearing Program is Here to Help!

An outreach specialist is on staff to help answer questions and provide information and support to families about available medical, educational and financial services.



We want to  
join with you  
in the  
Celebration  
of Your  
Child.

# Contact Us...

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## TDD

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The services of the Regional Infant Hearing Program are **confidential** and available at **no cost** to families.

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