

Our child has a hearing loss...

What our pediatrician should know



I am the parent of a child with a hearing loss. As my child's pediatrician (pediatric primary care provider), I would like you to know about the following resources so that you are better prepared for the next child in your practice with a hearing loss. These resources are crucial to getting my child off to an early start.

But first, be patient. We will need time to understand hearing loss and what it means for our child and our family. Be understanding. Help us through this process. If you need to learn more, contact Michelle Esquivel at the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) at 312.733.1026 or 847.608.5308, or go to their web site at www.illinoisAAP.org.

1. Bureau of Early Intervention Child and Family Connections Office (CFC) so that our child can be offered services. We can receive therapies so that our child can learn how to communicate, how to use hearing aids, and we can learn about other technology and therapies that might help our child and our family. When we contact the CFC office closest to our home, a plan will be written and we can receive services until our child turns 3 years old.

CFC Phone Number: 800.701.0995

CFC Website: www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/earlyint/ei01parent.html

2. Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) so that we can receive financial, medical and technical assistance. When we contact DSCC, we will fill out an application to see what services we are eligible for until our child turns 21 years old. The Central Office can refer us to our local DSCC office for assistance.

DSCC Central Office Phone Number: 800.322.3722

DSCC Web Site: www.uic.edu/hsc/dsc/

Website of the Newborn Hearing Program: www.illinoissoundbeginnings.org/

3. CHOICES for Parents so that we can have help through this process of learning about hearing loss. They can help me find parent-to-parent and professional support, linkage to local resources, and information such as the free binder "Babies and Hearing Loss." We can contact CHOICES for Parents at any time, regardless of how old my child is or when the diagnosis occurred.

CHOICES for Parents Phone Number: 312.523.6400

Outside of the Chicago Area: 866.733.8729

CHOICES for Parents Website: www.choicesforparents.org

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CHOICES for Parents coalition members include: *Alternatives in Education for the Hearing Impaired, Catholic Office of the Deaf, Chicago Hearing Society a division of Anixter Center, Child's Voice, Cochlear Americas, Deaf Access Program Mt. Sinai, Foundation for Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation, Hearing and Vision Connections, HITEC, Illinois Deaf Latino Association, Illinois Service Resource Center, International Center on Deafness and the Arts, Low Incidence Cooperative Agreement, MENDAC Institute on Early Childhood and Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center.*

Nuestro niño tiene pérdida auditiva... Lo que nuestro pediatra debe saber



Soy padre de un niño con pérdida auditiva. Como mi pediatra (proveedor de cuidado pediátrico), me gustaría que sepa sobre los siguientes recursos, así estará preparado para su siguiente paciente con pérdida auditiva. Estos recursos son cruciales para darle un buen comienzo a mi niño.

Por favor sea paciente. Necesitaremos tiempo para aprender sobre la pérdida auditiva y entender lo que significa para nuestro niño y nuestra familia. Favor sea comprensivo. Ayúdenos durante este proceso. Si necesita aprender más, favor contacte a Michelle Esquivel del Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) al 312.733.1026 o al 847.608.5308, o visite el website www.illinoisaap.org.

1. Refiéranos al 'Bureau of Early Intervention Child and Family Connections Office' (CFC) para que le ofrezcan sus servicios a nuestro niño. Podremos recibir terapias para que nuestro niño aprenda a comunicarse, a utilizar instrumentos de ayuda auditiva y aprender acerca de otras tecnologías y terapias que puedan ayudar a nuestro niño y nuestra familia. Cuando contactemos a la oficina del CFC cercana a nuestro hogar, ellos nos prepararán un plan y nosotros podremos recibir servicios hasta cuando nuestro niño cumpla tres años.

Número Telefónico del CFC: 800.701.0995

Website del CFC: www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/earlyint/ei01parent.html

2. Refiéranos a la 'Division of Specialized Care for Children' (DSCC) para que podamos recibir asistencia financiera, médica y técnica. Cuando contactemos al DSCC, llenaremos una aplicación para ver qué servicios seremos elegibles para nuestro niño hasta que cumpla veintiún años. La Oficina Central nos podrá referir a nuestra oficina local de DSCC para asistencia.

Número Telefónico de la Oficina Central DSCC: 800.322.3722

Website del DSCC: www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc/

Website del Newborn Hearing Program: www.illinoissoundbeginnings.org/

3. Refiéranos a 'CHOICES for Parents' para que podamos recibir ayuda con el proceso de aprendizaje acerca de la pérdida auditiva. Ellos podrán ayudarnos a encontrar apoyo de padre a padre y apoyo profesional, podrán referirnos a recursos locales e información como el libro gratuito "Los Bebés y la Pérdida Auditiva". Podremos contactar a CHOICES for Parents en cualquier momento, sin importar la edad del niño o cuándo fue diagnosticado.

Número Telefónico de CHOICES for Parents: 312.523.6400

Número Telefónico fuera del área de Chicago: 866.733.8729

Website de CHOICES for Parents: www.choicesforparents.org

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