Overview

Birth-to-Five Parent Outreach is available to families, early intervention professionals, and school systems throughout the state. The goal of 0 - 5 Parent Outreach is to provide families and professionals with information, resources, and educational support across Tennessee. Early learning opportunities are available for children 12 – 36 months. Children and their parents and guardians attend these programs together.

The Tennessee Department of Education provides, at no charge to families, 0 - 5 Parent Outreach services offered by the Tennessee Schools for the Deaf (TSD). These are opportunities for families, children, and their communities to learn and grow strong together. It is important to develop partnerships with families and their young children in order to provide unbiased and easily accessible options for learning language, communication strategies, and developing age-appropriate learning opportunities that work for their families unique circumstances.

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Statewide Services for Children with Hearing Concerns: Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind Tennessee Schools for the Deaf

Tennessee Schools for the Deaf
865-579-2500 | http://www.tsdeaf.org/
CERC offers a full array of diagnostic and therapeutic services birth to school age to residents of Tennessee: audiology, psycho-educational assessment, and more. These services are available at no charge to the organization or family.

Requests / referrals for services:

A family can contact an Educational Consultant themselves.

Early Intervention providers obtain a family’s signature on a Release of Information and send it to an Educational Consultant.

Local Education Agencies obtain a family’s signature on a Release of Information and send it to an Educational Consultant.

Training and support to providers is available upon request by contacting the Educational Consultant in your area.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote linguistically, culturally, and socially accessible learning opportunities in which families are valued and respected as primary source for language acquisition for their child whatever their communication choice: American Sign Language (ASL), Listening Spoken Language (LSL), other systems.

Vision Statement

Birth-to-Five Parent Outreach will be partners with families of children identified with hearing concerns and their communities to promote linguistic, social and cultural competence for their children. Families will receive unbiased information and access to resources to maximize their child’s ability to enter school ready to learn.

O - 5 Parent Outreach offers:

• Family Support Groups:
Getting together to with others in your community.

• Parent Newsletter:
topics for all ages and announcements.

• Sign language:
instruction via classes, media resources, and technology.

• Family Learning Weekend:
designed for entire families to come together for a weekend of fun & learning. All ages participate in programs / activities.

• Deaf Adult Role Model:
families meet & talk with adults who have similar hearing levels as their own child.

• Early Involvement Programs (EI):
Hearing Experts support EI providers with consultation. Families talk with this expert on many topics they are interested in learning.

• Local Education Agencies (LEAs):
Hearing Experts support school programs with consultation and training.

• Deaf-Blind:
Hearing / Vision Experts join families with support, training, information, and resources.

• Home or Community Visits:
Hearing / Experts join families during daily routines. Observation reports, direct support, individualized training, information, and resources.

Educational Consultation Collaboration with
Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS)
Early Intervention Resource Agencies (EIRA)
Independent Providers Local Education Agencies (LEA)
Family Request

Comprehensive Educational Resource Center (CERC)

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