

AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

“The most important thing for a pediatric audiologist to remember is that all children are different. A technique that works with one child won’t work with another. You have to always be open to the child’s cues.”

Early intervention audiologists work to identify & address hearing loss early. Research indicates that if a hearing impairment is identified and appropriate intervention started before 6 months of age, the child will very likely attain functional language & communication skills.

Examples of audiology services:

- 👂 Assess hearing on a periodic basis.
- 👂 Determine if hearing amplification is needed & beneficial for the child.
- 👂 Explore the option of a cochlear implant if the child needs amplification but external devices do not work.
- 👂 Work with the Care Coordinator to access speech-language therapy; amplification devices; cochlear implant specialists; and/or classes in alternative communication methods (e.g. American Sign Language).
- 👂 Teach the family how to use amplification devices and how to increase sensory stimulation, if appropriate.
- 👂 Assist the family in accessing payment sources.
- 👂 Provide reading materials & videos for parents & early intervention staff on the management of hearing loss, and connect parents to support networks.
- 👂 Provide access to a library of educational toys, which is currently under development.

