



We can help

The Parent Infant Child Program is New Mexico's public program for families whose children are deaf or hard of hearing. Services are free of cost and occur statewide in your home and community.

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"I could have never imagined when my child was identified as hard of hearing that I had begun such a wonderful journey."

~ Mother of a 4-year-old



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Parent Infant Child Program

Welcome Families!
We're Here to Help



**Home-based, statewide
services for families whose
children are deaf or hard of
hearing ages birth through 6**

Why are Services Important to Your Child and Family?

Early access to language and communication is critical for the growth and well-being of all children. This is especially true of young children who have a hearing loss. In fact, pediatricians have stated that providing full language access to a child with a hearing loss is a “developmental emergency” (Hecht 2008).

The Parent Infant Child Program helps your child acquire the communication skills necessary to:

- Enjoy relationships with family members
- Continue to reach important developmental milestones
- Access the world of information
- Tell you how he/she feels
- Describe his/her dreams
- Make friends
- Develop thinking and language essential to their play skills
- Access early literacy

Your Child’s Most Important Resource is Your Family

The Parent Infant Child Program services are family and child-centered. Our professional team works with your family to find the strategies, resources and technologies that will best support your child’s development and your family’s culture and routines.

“Now we can communicate with our child.”
~ Family of 2-year-old



Eligibility

Any child, ages birth to six, who resides in New Mexico and has a permanent diagnosed hearing loss is eligible for the Parent Infant Child Program.

Early Intervention Team Members

The Parent Infant Child Program professionals are trained and experienced in working with families and their young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Providers live in, or close to, your community.

Your provider will meet with your family at a mutually determined time. Together you will plan and develop a language-rich environment for your child.

With early intervention, young children who are deaf or hard of hearing can have the language foundation necessary for their future educational success.

Our Parent Infant Child Services Include:

- Staff trained to work with families and their child who is deaf or hard of hearing
- Specialized curricula to help develop American Sign Language (ASL) and/or spoken language
- Access to comprehensive developmental evaluations
- Spanish and Navajo speaking staff
- Multiple cooperative agreements with early childhood and state agencies to share resources
- Service coordination for children ages birth to 3
- Materials lending library
- Transition to school programs
- Resources and training for chronic otitis media (ear infections)
- Parent-to-parent network
- Hearing screenings at home and Child Finds

