

# Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: Foundations of Early Identification, Intervention, and Support

## Seven On-line Modules

A collaboration with Boston Children's Hospital

### Overview of Modules

1. Early Identification: Newborn/Infant Hearing Screening & Evaluation and the Importance of Assuring Early Access to Language
2. Understanding How Hearing Levels are Identified
3. Hearing Aids: The Basics
4. Launching Communication & Language through Sign
5. Cochlear Implants: The Basics
6. Promoting Communication in the Home
7. Parenting a Child Who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing



## Early Intervention Network

- 5 factors for facilitating linguistic competence
- Supporting evidence for the 5 factors
- Highlights of program implementation
- Early intervention resources
- Early intervention discussion forum



### Five Factors for Facilitating Linguistic Competence for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- Factor 1:** Direct and daily access to language and communication is essential to facilitating each child's language and communication development.
- Factor 2:** A collaborative ongoing process should be used to explore modalities, technologies and strategies to support the development of linguistic competence.
- Factor 3:** Early exposure to accessible language through sign is beneficial to language acquisition.
- Factor 4:** Early fitting of amplification and ongoing monitoring of its effectiveness is integral to selecting communication strategies to facilitate language development.
- Factor 5:** Planning for language and communication development should be individualized and systematically guided by ongoing assessment and monitoring.

## "What the Eyes Reveal About the Brain: Advances in Human Language Acquisition Insights from Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2) and the Brain and Language Laboratory (BL2)"



A webcast with Dr. Laura-Ann Petitto from Gallaudet University's Brain and Language Laboratory  
Thursday, May 1, 2014  
2-3 p.m. (EST)



## How Early Intervention Makes a Difference: Research and Trends

Dr. Beth Benedict  
Webinar – Available On-line

