

Working Together

A Parent and a Professional Take on Family Support

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Colorado Infant Hearing Program –A Roadmap for Families

Child's Name: _____
 Child's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Birth

Home or Hospital Birth
 1st Newborn Hearing Screen
 Date: ____/____/____

Screening Results

Left Ear	Right
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Not screened (missed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Be sure your doctor gets the results of all your tests!

Well baby checkup with health care provider at 2-4 days

Before 1 Month

Outpatient Hearing Screen (or Rescreen)
 Place: _____
 Date: ____/____/____

Screening Results

Left Ear	Right
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Not screened (missed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your baby does not pass or misses the first screening of both ears:
 - schedule an Outpatient Screen at your hospital
 - OR schedule an evaluation with a pediatric audiologist.
 If your baby does not pass the outpatient screen, schedule an appointment with a pediatric audiologist right away.

Well baby checkup with health care provider at one month

Before 3 Months

Evaluation by a Pediatric Audiologist with experience testing children 0 – 6 months of age. (Babies over 4 mos. old may need sedation.)
 Place: _____
 Date: ____/____/____

Test Results

Left Ear	Right
<input type="checkbox"/> No hearing Loss	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss	<input type="checkbox"/>

If a baby has a HEARING LOSS, the next steps are:

- Contact or referral to local Colorado Hearing Resource Coordinator (CO-Hear) & Early Intervention Colorado (Part C)
- Evaluation by an ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat doctor)
- Contact Colorado Families for Hands & Voices
- Learn about communication options and programs
- Discuss the use of Hearing aids with a Pediatric Audiologist, including information on loaner hearing aids
- Learn about assistive listening devices (such as FM systems, cochlear implants, etc.)

Well baby checkup with health care provider at two months

Before 6 Months

Enroll in early intervention program that has experience serving children who are deaf and hard of hearing

Regular visits with your Pediatric Audiologist

**children who participate in early intervention prior to six months can have age appropriate skills by preschool.*

Evaluations to discuss with your medical home:

- Ophthalmologist (Eye Specialist)
- Genetic Specialist
- Other Medical Specialists (heart, development, kidneys, etc.)

Well baby checkup with health care provider at six months



Local and Regional Resources

Pediatric Audiologist: _____

CO-Hear (Colorado Hearing Resource Coordinator): _____

Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) Regional Audiologist:

HCP Regional Office and Team Leader: _____

Hands & Voices Regional Parent Guide: _____

Part C Coordinator: _____

Statewide Resources

- Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs: www.HCPColorado.org
- Colorado Families for Hands & Voices: (Parent Funding Toolkit, Parent Stories, Colorado Resource Guide) 303-492-6283, www.cohandsandvoices.org
- Colorado Home Intervention Program: <http://tinyurl.com/cbd5ln>
- Early Intervention Colorado, Services for Children Birth to Three: <http://www.eicolorado.org/>

National Resources

- www.babyhearing.org: Boys Town National Research Hospital informational site for parents
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Centers For Disease Control website: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi
- National Center for Hearing Assessment & Management: www.infanthearing.org
- Hands & Voices: www.handsandvoices.org
- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf/Hard of hearing: www.agbell.org
- American Society for Deaf Children, www.deafchildren.org

EARLY INTERVENTION

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CO-Hear Coordinator

Contacts Family

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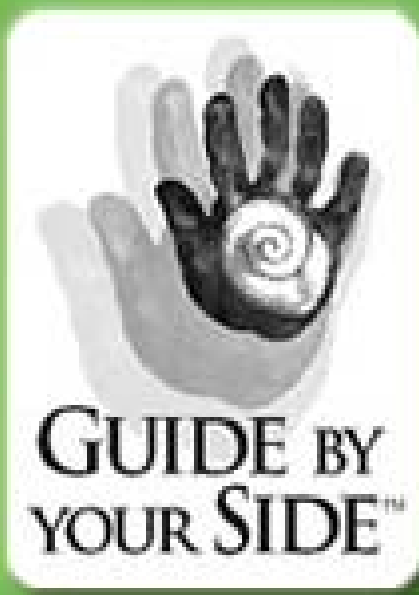
**Consult with PCP/
Medical Home**

- **Consult with Part C Community Agencies**
- **Colorado Hands and Voices/GBYS**
- **Child Find**
- **Public Health**

Parents with Experience

Parents with Training

GUIDE-BY-YOUR-SIDE PROGRAM



- ~ Connecting
- ~ Advocating
- ~ Supporting
- ~ Challenging
- ~ Listening
- ~ Educating
- ~ Mentoring
- ~ Validating



Benefits of Parent to Parent Support

“Social networks with other parents of children who are deaf were associated with less isolation, acceptance of their child, and improved interactional responsivity.”

M. Hintermaier, 2000



Benefits of Support from Professionals

- We had nothing and no one to guide us through the maze of understanding hearing loss, audiology, and the whole new set of terms we didn't know until we met our CO-Hear. “

Katie Greene, mom of Emma in Cortez, CO



The Professional-GBYS Relationship

Building the team

- Mutual respect for role
- Knowing each other's story/background

Teamwork in Action

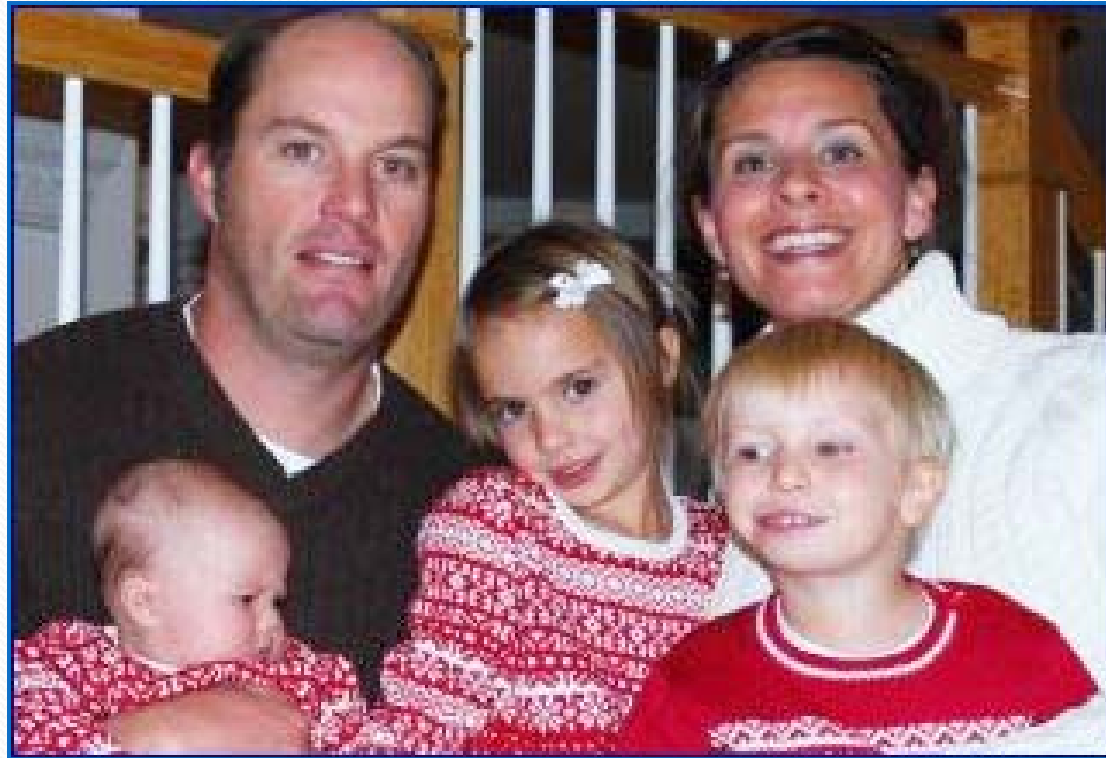
- Co visits
- Tag team support
- Advanced app: advocacy in the system

The Art(?) of the Co-Visit

- Scheduling the visit
- Question prompts
- Happy accidents
- Idealism vs. Realism



From the Parents

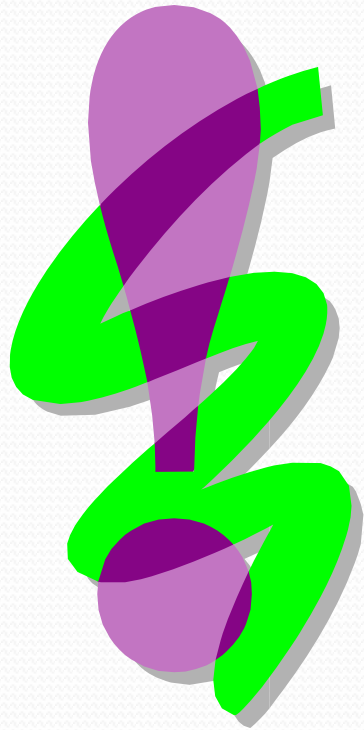


Creating a Safe Environment

- Conversation vs. a strict agenda
- Home Turf Advantage
- Benefits of dialogue
- Fielding the “out of the box” question



Takin' it home





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The Last Words

