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What to Expect from the Tri-Regional **Infant Hearing Program (IHP)**

The Infant Hearing Program provides services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and their family. The diagram below outlines the role of audiologists, social workers, and parent(s) in supporting your child. The Infant Hearing Program will support your child's healthy development, and preparation for success in school.

Identification of Permanent Hearing Loss by IHP Audiologist

Audiologist

- Requests a referral to Ear, Nose, & Throat (ENT) specialist through your familiy doctor
- Provides information about your child's type and degree of hearing loss

Parent

- Attends ENT specialist appointment with child
- Discusses implications of hearing loss on communication and potential support available

Meeting with Social Worker (if consent provided)

Social Worker

- Arranges a home visit with parent(s) to discuss IHP and any concerns/questions the family may have
- Discusess schools and sends referrals (with consent)
- Discusses and refers to other resources if requested

- Requests additional information regarding hearing loss, IHP, or community resources
- Discusses family needs and/or additional service requests for child

Another Appointment with Audiologist after ENT

Audiologist

- · Discusses anticipated primary mode of communication (verbal language/sign language)
- Discusses amplification/hearing aids (if chosen)
- Connects family with communication service provider when appropriate

Parent

- Prepares questions for audiologist regarding hearing loss and impact on communication
- Discusses communication decisions and implications

Regular appointments with the audiologist and communication service provider will be scheduled to support your child and family. When your child is preparing to transition to school, your IHP team will work with you to develop a plan to connect you and your child to appropriate school-based resources.

