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## **Educational Consulting Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children**

The goal of Educational Consulting Services is to work collaboratively with school districts and schools for the deaf in providing a comprehensive educational plan for students with hearing loss and cochlear implants.

### **Educational Consulting Services Provided:**

Optional services are provided to families, schools, educators and therapists, specific to each child and family's needs.

### **Educational Program Review**

Comprehensive review of student's current educational program, school evaluations, Boston Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Cochlear Implant Team evaluations.

### **IFSP/IEP Planning and Development**

Participation in the development of a child's IFSP/IEP as a representative of Children's Hospital Boston and an expert in Deaf Education  
Increasing auditory emphasis within school environment  
Provide guidance to teachers of the deaf, audiologist, speech/language therapist and other school professionals on the development of audition, creating an environment to foster auditory learning and developing a program for auditory habilitation.

### **Student Observation**

As part of the student Educational Program Review, and IFSP/IEP Planning and Development, students may be observed in the classroom, during resource time, during speech/language therapy and/or auditory habilitation.

### **Staff Development and Training**

Designed to increase the knowledge, skills and confidence of school personnel in the delivery of services to students with hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Topics may include:

- Understanding the child's hearing with a hearing aids and/or a cochlear implant
- Understanding possible outcomes of cochlear implants
- Understanding the basics of cochlear implant technology
- Using hearing aids cochlear implants in a classroom setting
- Trouble shooting hearing aids, cochlear implants, and FM systems
- Using a prescribed FM System
- Facilitating spoken and/or signed language development
- Developing a good acoustic listening environment