



Boston Children's Hospital

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

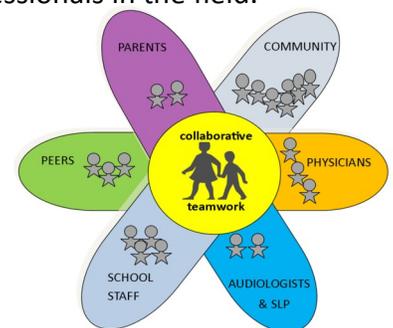
Outreach and Support Services

The outreach and support services program, offered for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families, extends care beyond the clinic to help assure each child's well-being and access to opportunities that stimulate development. Our services are community-based and family-oriented, including family-centered events for children of all ages, ranging from intimate discussion groups to large outings, speaker series workshops, and training for professionals and schools. More than 750 adults and children request resources and participate in our events and workshops annually.

Development and Training Workshops

We offer workshops designed to increase knowledge, cultural awareness, and appropriate services for deaf and hard of hearing children, and given to educators, medical staff, and professionals in the field.

- ◆ Family-Centered Outreach Beyond the Clinical Setting
- ◆ Experiences for Deaf Children in Mainstream Settings
- ◆ Transitioning Through the Educational System
- ◆ Setting Language in Motion
- ◆ Cultural Awareness and Accessibility in the Community



Family-focused Outreach Events and Workshops

Family-Centered Events

We host fun, wholesome, accessible and educational activities that kids of all ages, degrees of hearing loss and preferential modes of communication enjoy. The events range from small activities to large outings, coffee chats to social events. The family-centered events give parents and children the opportunity to learn and have fun together with other families in natural environments. Communication access and accommodations are always provided and events are held in psychically accessible sites.

Speaker Series Workshops

The "An Early Evening with.." speaker series workshops are offered quarterly during the year for parents and professionals. We invite guest speakers with a wide range of knowledge and expertise to share current information about educational rights, services, and networking with parents of children with various hearing levels and needs.

Community Learning for Kids

The community based learning platform offers opportunities for children between 8 and 13 years old to experience hands-on activities and learn from the experiences of others. Especially geared for children in mainstream educational settings, the boys and girls can benefit from the social-emotional aspect and opportunity to meet and interact with other deaf and hard of hearing children.

Resources for Families

We have an extensive resource bank with information for families with children ranging from babies to young adults, educational and community, auditory and visual languages, various modalities of communication, early intervention and transition needs. Contact our office if you need specific information. Sign up today to receive our quarterly newsletter by contacting Katie McCarthy at katie.mccarthy@childrens.harvard.edu.

"We get to meet families from various schools. Interacting with other parents is very helpful. It's great to see how well other kids are doing. My son enjoys seeing other kids, because he knows so few who also wear hearing aids."



"Thank you so much for organizing this workshop. I had a couple questions that I was able to ask the presenter at the end. Her answers were very helpful."



"Thank you for this initiative. This was a great place to be able to share some of the fears and worries that we have as a parent with a college bound child."



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Boston Children's Hospital Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (DHHP) cares for more than 1,000 children and their families per year. Our interdisciplinary team includes hearing and deaf clinicians who are experienced in working with infants, children and adolescents. We provide cognitive, neuropsychological, social-emotional and language evaluation, as well as short-term therapy and outreach support.

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