



## EHDI Family Connect

An open letter to new parents:

My baby boy was diagnosed with profound hearing loss at the age of 7 months. This was eight years ago, but I can still remember this as if it were yesterday.

You are now home from the hospital with your new baby, up to your ears in diapers and midnight feedings, and enjoying the new life that has joined your family. Parents have lots of different feelings when they find out that their child has a hearing loss. There are so many questions about what to expect – and what to do next. That is exactly why the EHDI Family Connect/Guide By Your Side Program is here for you. We are here to support you and your family as you begin your journey of learning, inquiring, and making decisions for the most appropriate services for your child and family. The Guide By Your Side program will partner with you and your family as you journey through these new discoveries.

Early intervention for children with hearing loss can help to build a successful future and ensure that their full potential will be reached. A rich and full life awaits your child, especially when given full access to language right from the start.

This EHDI Family Connect is designed to help you collect information, learn about resources, develop goals for your child and family, and empower you to become your child's expert in their hearing loss.

Enjoy this time with your child and thank you for allowing us to support you and your family!



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