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*A program
for families
with infants &
young children
who are deaf
or
hard of hearing*

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of Community Health
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E H D I
Early Hearing, Detection
and Intervention Program

What is the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

This program can help you:

- Meet another parent who also has a deaf or hard of hearing child
- Answer questions
- Share information and resources
- Connect you with organizations that might be able to help:
 - *Early On*®
 - Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
 - Intermediate School Districts

Who are the Parent Guides?

Parent Guides:

- Have children of various ages who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have been trained to provide support and information
- Will keep all information about your child and family private

What happens after I have signed up for a Parent Guide?

- First, a local Parent Guide will call you.
- Second, a Parent Guide will meet with your family to provide information.

Guide-By-Your-Side Program

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Quotes from parents

The Guide-By-Your-Side service was created to support families with newly identified infants and children with hearing loss.

"When he was diagnosed we wanted to get as much information as possible. We wanted to meet other families who had deaf or hard of hearing children and learn about their stories."

"I was excited to learn of all the resources that were available to me and my child."

"I cried for a while, dried my tears and said what do we do now..."

The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help families to connect to resources.

"Who would have thought what a wonderful world was awaiting me?"

The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help families celebrate their child's full potential.

"We are thankful for having such a beautiful child and many new experiences. He has enriched our lives."

"Our daughter has affected our lives in so many positive ways."

How can my family sign up for the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

Choose from the following options:

Tell your child's audiologist that you would like to meet with a Parent Guide. There you will sign forms that will allow your information to be shared with the Guide-By-Your-Side Program. Your child's audiologist will contact the Guide-By-Your-Side Program.

Call (517) 335-8955 and ask for a Guide referral.

Mail in the attached form in a stamped envelope to the address on the back.

Guide-By-Your-Side Program

My family would like to meet with a guide.

Name of Mother/Guardian:

Name of Child:

Address:

Telephone number:

County/school district

Best time to be contacted:

Child's date of birth

Signature
