

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A HEARING LOSS?



"It's changed my world...(the Institute) opened my eyes to the diversity of hearing loss."

Do you have questions about communication options, language development, amplification, social-emotional development and school programs?

All of your questions can be answered in one place!

INSTITUTE FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

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What is the Institute?

The 2021 Institute is a two-week virtual program for parents of children (through age 7) who have a significant hearing loss. Parents and caregivers will learn about hearing loss and their child's individual strengths and needs. Participants will also meet other parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Mission Statement

The Institute provides information and support to families so they can make informed decisions on behalf of their child who is deaf or hard of hearing. The Institute was summarized by one parent as "an incredibly useful week to... prepare my child for a life of learning."

“Very well worth our time. Like others, I wasn’t sure what to expect, but I can tell you it exceeded my expectations. All parents of deaf or hard-of-hearing children should attend.”

Who Sponsors the Institute?

The Institute receives support from:

- Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD)
- University of Illinois Chicago’s Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)
- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago



“This was a wonderful and absolutely overwhelming experience. I have learned so much about deafness while here at ISD...”

More About the Institute

What do parents do? Parents attend daily lectures via Zoom from experts in the field to learn about raising a child with hearing loss. They also meet virtually in small groups to discuss specific concerns and connect with other caregivers. Parents also have the opportunity to learn about various communication modes used with deaf or hard of hearing individuals.

Lecture topics include:

- Child Development
- Language Development
- Types of Hearing Loss
- Parent Rights
- Communication Choices
- School Programming
- Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants
- Deaf Culture

What does it cost? There is no cost for families to participate in the Institute.

What if I have trouble accessing the Institute? Families without adequate technology to join the Institute from home may be able to check out iPads to participate in the virtual sessions.

How Do I Get More Information About the Institute?

Contact the Division of Specialized Care for Children at (800) 322-3722 or dsccinstitute@uic.edu.

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