



Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

**WORKING TOGETHER:
SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES
FOR ALL
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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HB 1904

*Passed in 1999, same legislative session as the
Public Law 91, Indiana's UNHS Law*

"In accordance with House Enrolled Act No. 1904, Section II, IC20-16-2-1, The Indiana School for the Deaf is established as a state educational resource center that includes the following:

- **A residential and day school**
- **Outreach Services**
- **Consultative services to local educational agencies to assist them in meeting the needs of locally enrolled students with hearing disabilities."**



Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Parent Infant
Program

Consultation

Family
Education

Inservice
Training

Assessments

Throughout the State of Indiana



Outreach Mission: *To identify needs and find resources to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families throughout the State of Indiana*



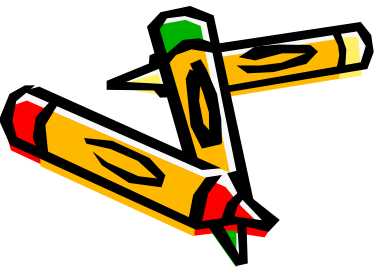
Beliefs:

- All deaf and hard of hearing children can learn.
- That no deaf and hard of hearing child should be left behind educationally, emotionally or socially.
- All deaf and hard of hearing children have a right to fully access the information in their environment.
- Development of a full language is a key component in the success of deaf and hard of hearing children reaching their maximum potential as human beings.
- Parents have a right to full disclosure of information regarding early childhood development, language acquisition and development, and the link to academic and socio-emotional learning.
- Families provide a major component in decisions being formulated and the evaluation process for their children.
- The family unit is the consumer as well as the child.
- Deaf and hard of hearing children who are not enrolled at ISD and their families should have access to the expertise of the ISD staff.
- Programs and services should be family-centered as well as child-centered.



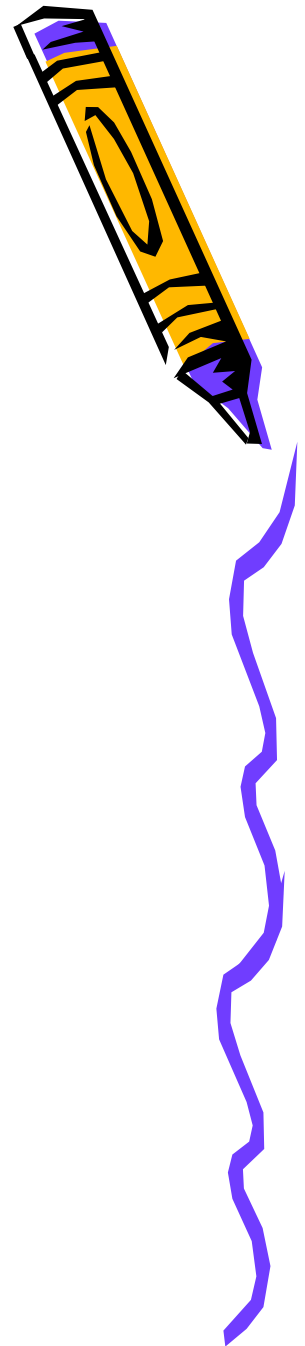
Working Together

- Collaborative efforts ensure that “no child is left behind”
- Outreach Services are for all 2200+ deaf and hard of hearing children throughout Indiana



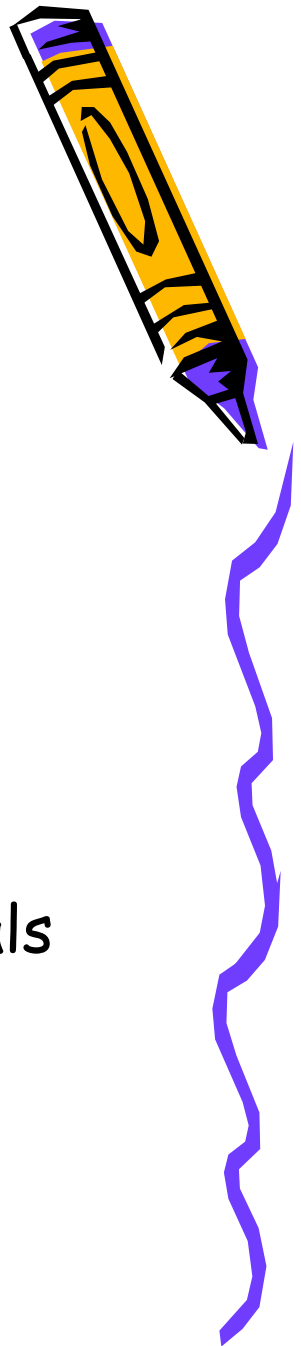
Direct Services Outreach Providers

- 4 Educational Audiologists
- 3 Speech Language Pathologists
- 2 Language Specialists
- 3 School Psychologists
- 2 Case Conference Coordinators
- 2 Social Workers
- 2 Early Interventionists
- 1 Family Resource Coordinator
- 4 Support Staff



Additional Service Providers

- Speech Language Therapists (3)
- Physical Therapist (1)
- Occupational Therapist (1)
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (1)
- SKI-HI Parent Advisors (~30)
- Developmental Therapists (2)
- Nursery School Teachers and paraprofessionals (2 classrooms)



Direct Services Include:



Home Intervention Program

- Developmental Therapy
 - Parent Advising
 - Audiology Services
 - Speech and language therapy
- ...and other related services as needed



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Direct Services

OpCom Evaluations (via First Steps)

- Multidisciplinary team: initial and annual evaluations
- IFSP goal recommendations, development and participation
- Consultation with other Eligibility Determination Teams and providers



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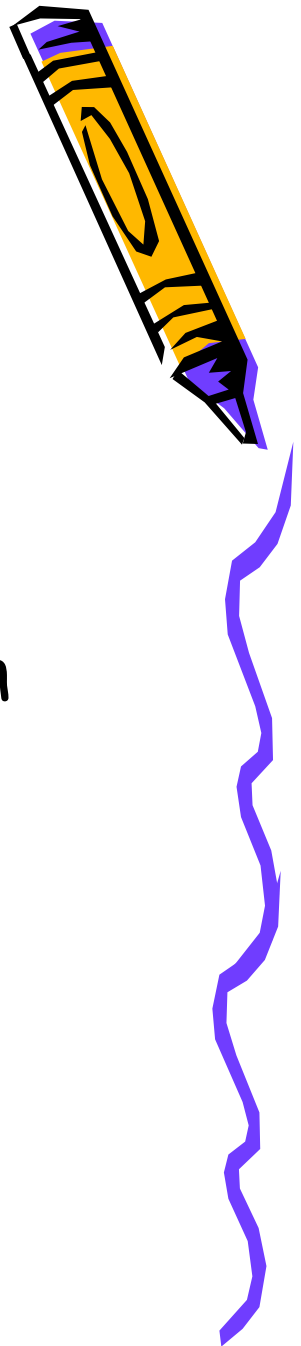
SKI-HI Program

- Coordinate training and certification of Parent Advisors
- Mentor new Parent Advisors
- Monitor SKI-HI curriculum delivery to ensure philosophy is kept intact
- Maintain data, compile research and report findings

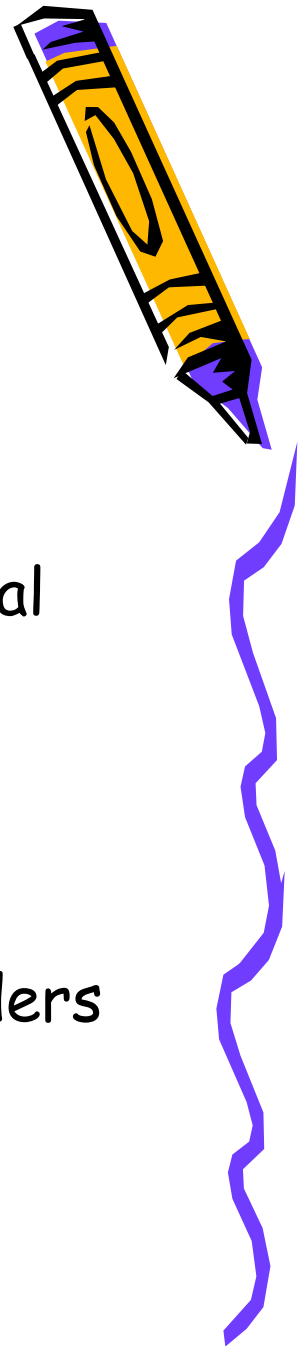


Consultative Services

- Lending Library for families
- Workshops and inservices to agencies, daycares, and other stakeholders
- Multidisciplinary evaluation for children exiting First Steps and entering educational settings
- Parent workshops
- Play groups
- Support groups



Collaboration and Referrals



- Parent to Parent Networking
- Social Activities
- Literacy Activities (such as storytelling at local libraries)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing adult/family mentors
- ASL Classes
- Family Conferences
- Access to varying methodology specific providers and services

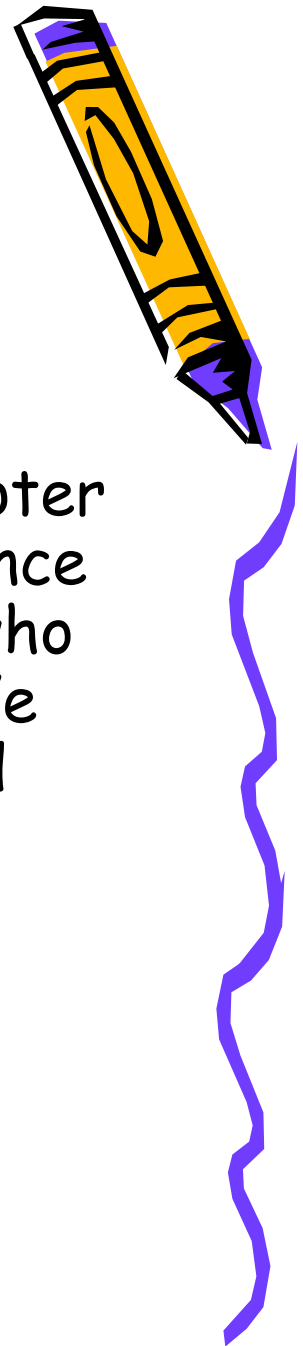


Indiana Hands & Voices

Outreach Services was instrumental in bringing Hands & Voices to Indiana. The National Chapter presented at the First Annual Family Conference and gained the attention of Indiana families who have since established an Indiana Chapter. We are now collaborating with Hands & Voices and IDH for the upcoming 3rd Annual Family Conference for newly identified children and their families.

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Interagency Collaboration



- Indiana Department of Health: EHDI Program
- First Steps: Indiana's Early Intervention System
- Department of Education: Division of Exceptional Learners
- Public School Special Education
Directors/Teachers of the Deaf
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: Educational Interpreters



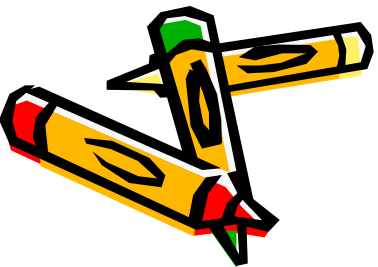
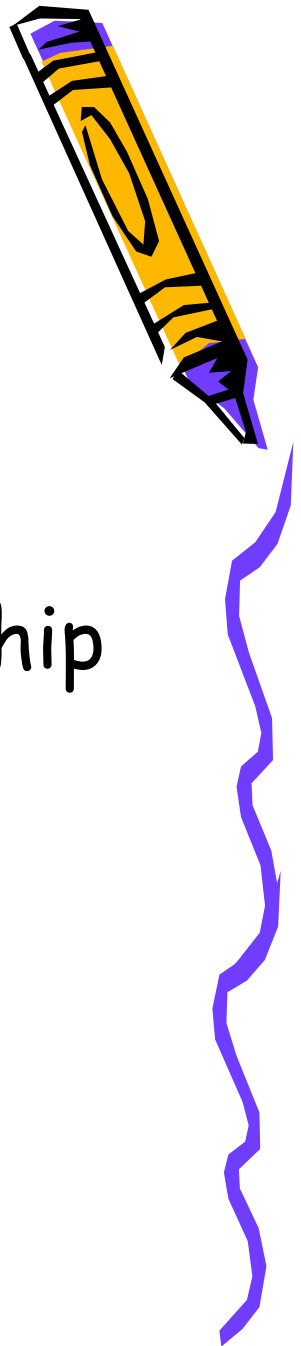
Outcomes

1. Every family receives consistent, appropriate information from trained and mentored providers who are family-centered and parent-empowering.
2. Each provider working with Deaf/Hard of Hearing children receives appropriate information supported by all stakeholders.
3. The EI Leaders from each agency, collaborates effectively, thus creating a sense of unity for the family.
4. Methodologies will be research-based and endorsed by leading organizations.



Future Directions

- Involvement at national level with National Deaf Education Project
- Participation on Gallaudet Leadership Institute for 0 to 3 with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population
- Numerous research projects in progress



Questions?

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A vertical banner with a blue-to-orange gradient background. At the top, the title "Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" is written in yellow. Below the title is a white outline of the state of Indiana. Inside the outline, several service areas are listed in black text: "Parent Infant Program", "Consultation", "Family Education", "Inservice Training", and "Assessments". At the bottom of the banner, the text "Throughout the State of Indiana" is written in yellow. Below the text are three cartoon illustrations of children's faces: a white child, a Black child, and a Hispanic child. To the right of the banner, a yellow pencil with a purple eraser and a purple band is shown pointing downwards, with a blue wavy line trailing from its tip.