

# Audiology Shared Plan of Care for Children with Hearing Loss



This guide includes best practices for young children with hearing loss. This is part of a shared plan of care for the family and their primary professional support system. The Audiologist, Family, Primary Care Provider (PCP) and Early Intervention Shared Plan of Care can be found at [VDHLiveWell.com/hearing](http://VDHLiveWell.com/hearing).

## Child's Social History

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (ages, health/ wellness concerns) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language/Cultural Considerations/ Preferences \_\_\_\_\_

The Primary Concern of family \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Steps

- Enter hearing loss test results into Virginia Infant Screening Tracking System(VISITS) as soon as possible. This is essential for automated referral to early intervention.
- Repeat ABR or hearing exam if needed.
- Send a copy of the child's audiology report to their PCP.
- Consider the following (optional based on parent choice):
  - amplification
  - assistive listening devices
  - cochlear implant evaluation
  - manual modes of communication (ASL, cued speech, etc.)

## Explain to the Family

- Hearing loss in terms they understand
- Possible communication options
- The treatment plan for the child's type and degree of hearing loss
- The benefits of early intervention for children with hearing loss: Have the family call 800-234-1448 or go to [www.infantva.org](http://www.infantva.org) to enroll

## Refer

- To otolaryngology (ENT)–for hearing aid clearance; may refer for imaging.
- Other specialists as needed:
  - Ophthalmologist
  - Genetics
  - Developmental pediatrician
  - Neurologist
  - Cardiologist
  - Nephrologist
  - Infectious Disease specialist
- Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank for temporary amplification, if needed 866-596-9367 or <http://bit.ly/2NrhuXy>
- Care Connection for Children to assist the family with case management.

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## Strategies and Plans

Goals	Actions/ Strategies	Accountable Person	Time Frame
Patient Goal(s)			
Family Goal(s)			
Clinical Goal(s)			

### For More Information:

Online version of the Audiologist's Guide for Children with Hearing Loss:  
[VDHLiveWell.com/hearing](http://VDHLiveWell.com/hearing)

Virginia's Resource Guide for Families of Children with Hearing Loss:  
<https://bit.ly/2MKB7Wj>



Contact the Virginia AAP Chapter Champion for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention