



## NEW PARENT HEARING RESOURCE PACKET

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services Bureau of Early Intervention and the Division of Specialized Care for Children, Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach is pleased to provide this electronic packet of information regarding hearing loss. The packet contains an assortment of state and national resources that were specifically selected for new parents. The purpose is to provide basic information about hearing loss and the array of technology and communication options. We hope this will assist you in making important decisions for your child. Several of the resources contain information about where you can obtain additional resources.

The resources are as follows:

- 1) **Choices in Deafness, Third Edition**. This is an order form for this highly acclaimed book. The book is made available to Illinois Families free of charge. Simply complete and mail the order form.
- 2) **Opening Doors**. This booklet briefly outlines technology and communication options for children with hearing loss. [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/products/opening\\_doors/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/products/opening_doors/index.html)
- 3) **A Parent's Guide to Hearing Loss**. This resource can be viewed in both English and Spanish at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/freematerials.html>
- 4) **Early Intervention: Communication and Language for Families of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Infants** document from the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education. [http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/freematerials/Communication\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/freematerials/Communication_Brochure.pdf)
- 5) **Supporting Families**. This booklet was developed by **Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach**, an Early Intervention training and technical assistance program in Illinois. It outlines Illinois resources related to hearing loss and early intervention. It includes information about the annual **Institute for Parents of Preschool Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** held at the **Illinois School for the Deaf**, and information about **Illinois Hands and Voices** and a program called **Guide by Your Side**. [http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/deaf\\_supp\\_families.pdf](http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/deaf_supp_families.pdf)
- 6) **Children & Hearing Loss: A Resource Manual for Illinois Families** is filled with information about hearing loss, early intervention, technology, education, pediatricians, statewide resources and more. <http://www.choicesforparents.org/children-and-hearing-loss/> A printed version can also be requested at this website.
- 7) **Division of Specialized Care for Children** brochure. DSCC is available to support your family. You may contact Ginger Mullin by calling toll free 800-322-3722 or emailing: [ilsound@uic.edu](mailto:ilsound@uic.edu)
- 8) **Communicate With Your Child** brochure. <http://www.communicatewithyourchild.org/brochures.html>

If you have questions about Early Intervention services, please contact your Early Intervention Service Coordinator at your local Child and Family Connections office. For further technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach by calling toll free 877-731-8184 or emailing [gail.olson@illinois.gov](mailto:gail.olson@illinois.gov).