



For more information about Families First and other outreach services, please contact one of the following:

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Families First

Missouri School for the Deaf



A Home-Based,
Early Intervention Program
*for families with children
ages birth through eight with
hearing loss*

Parent Advisors

We are able to share information in the following areas:

- Early Interactions
- Using natural environments, routines and play to learn language
- Literacy
- Hearing Aids
- Cochlear Implants
- Deaf Culture
- Parent Support
- Visual Communication Systems
- Language through Audition
- Communication Systems (ASL, Sign Support Speech, Bilingual-Bicultural, Aural-Oral, Cued Speech)
- Special Needs
- Transition to school





Who is eligible for this program?

If you have a child who

- Is between birth and 8 years of age
- Lives in Missouri
- Has been diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing

What do I do?

Contact Families First, (contact info on back). A few questions will be asked about your child and you will be paired-with a Parent Advisor from your area.

The Parent Advisor will then call you to set up an initial meeting time. These services are free. They are provided at no cost to families. Families may participate in this program in addition to receiving other services.

What will happen at the first home visit?

- A Parent Advisor will meet with you and your child
- Basic information about the program will be shared with you
- The Parent Advisor will answer any questions that you have regarding services
- Through discussions with your family, helpful background information will be gathered



What will happen next?

If you decide that you would like to take part in the home visit program, you and the Parent Advisor will decide on a regular time to meet each week.

Visits will be made where the Parent Advisor provides information and models skills for the family to incorporate during the week.

Non-biased information will be shared to match each family's needs.

What do Parent Advisors Do?

Parent Advisors are professionals trained in the SKI-HI curriculum.

- Provide ideas for strategies you might use to help your child develop in the areas of language acquisition, communication, and social and emotional skills
- Conduct effective family-centered visits in the home and other natural environments
- Offer the family information, support, and encouragement
- Assist with transition to school programs