

FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING CHILDREN:
LOUISIANA PARENT PUPIL EDUCATION PROGRAM (PPEP)

PPEP is a free, statewide outreach program provided by the Louisiana School for the Deaf for families with children who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing.



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For all children, language development begins the day the child is born. Early services for infants and young children who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing should begin as close to birth as possible. In Louisiana, the Parent Pupil Education Program is the *point of entry* into early services for any child who is identified as Deaf or hard-of-hearing.

To meet the diverse needs of every family, PPEP Outreach Teachers provide unbiased information and support regarding:

- Implications of being Deaf or hard-of-hearing
- Communication opportunities
- Development of communication skills
- Hearing aids, cochlear implants, and amplification devices
- Stages of childhood development
- Services available in your local area

Available Services include:

- Visits by qualified teachers who specialize in children who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing
- Visits by Deaf mentors who enhance family communication by modeling and teaching American Sign Language
- Ensuring referral to Early Steps, Louisiana's early intervention system
- Teaming with families and caregivers to enhance natural interaction and communication with the child by modeling and teaching language learning through daily activities
- Supporting the family through the transition process to school, including the first Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Early services should be family-centered and take advantage of the earliest months and years of life for optimal language development. Contact us for more information.