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## How to Get Early Intervention Help

**Find out who provides early intervention services in your area.**

Each state has people who can help you. Ask your audiologist who to call for help. Or visit these sites for more information:

- The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System has a [state-by-state list of contact numbers](http://www.nectac.org/contact/ptccoord.asp) (<http://www.nectac.org/contact/ptccoord.asp>) of agencies that provide early intervention services.
- The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center has a [state-by-state list of offices that help people who are deaf](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/501.html) (<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/501.html>). The page also lists people who organize services for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.



Your state will assign you someone who will help you get the services you need. This person is called a **child services coordinator**. You will also get help from other people. Some of these people may be:

- An **audiologist**  
She keeps track of hearing loss, fits hearing aids, and can answer questions about hearing loss.
- A **teacher of the deaf**  
He can teach you how to use signs and gestures to "talk" to your baby.
- A **doctor** (a pediatrician or family doctor)
- A **school district representative**  
She acts for the school to help your child get the special services he will need.
- An **advocate**  
He will support you in getting what you need.

**Learn more about early intervention programs**

To find out what to look for in an early intervention program, check out [this article](http://clerccenter2.gallaudet.edu/KidsWorldDeafNet/e-docs/EI/EI.pdf) (<http://clerccenter2.gallaudet.edu/KidsWorldDeafNet/e-docs/EI/EI.pdf>) on the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center's website.

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<http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/learning/ei/service.jsp>