

# Parent-Infant Program

The Parent-Infant Program is designed for children with varying degrees of hearing loss from birth through 3 years of age. Services are center-based and provided at Cleary School for the Deaf Campus in Nesconset. Home-based therapy is available for those with severe medical issues. The Parent-Infant Program is offered in addition to Suffolk County's Early Intervention Program.

The Parent-Infant Program offers several communication modes: Auditory-Oral, American Sign Language (ASL), Total Communication and Augmentative/Alternative Communication.

The program offers a nurturing environment that is family-focused. We establish a four-way partnership between the family, teacher, speech therapist and child. Staff members work with parents to facilitate the child's speech, language, cognitive and motor skills as well as their social development.

## GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- To foster communication between parents and their children in an effective and enjoyable manner
- To stimulate children's developmental stages in a natural sequence
- To provide parents with information about infant and early childhood development

## WE OFFER

- 1 to 1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- 1 to 1 Student-Speech Therapist Ratio
- Inclusion of Hearing Language Models
- Playgroups
- Proficiency in American Sign Language and Auditory-Oral Techniques
- Parent Training
- Parent/Child Socials and Field Trips
- Support at Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Meetings
- Professional Support at Mappings and/or Audiological Appointments (as needed)
- Free American Sign Language (ASL) Classes Available for Families
- Assistance from On-Staff Parent Educator and Social Worker
- Parent Support Groups
- Auditory-Oral Based Therapy utilizing an Auditory-Verbal Consultant
- Occupational and Physical Therapy Consults
- Oral Motor Therapy and Audiological Consults
- Parent Mentoring Program

## WE USE THESE CURRICULUMS

- SKI-HI Curriculum – Family-Centered Programming for Infants and Young Children with Hearing Loss
- SPICE – Speech Perception Instructional Curriculum and Evaluation
- St. Gabriel's Curriculum for the Development of Audition, Language, Speech and Cognition
- Developmental Programming for Infants and Young Children

