

Southwest SELPA Early Start DHH Programs For Infants and Toddlers

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Southwest SELPA DHH Programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers are cooperative programs with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the California Department of Education Early Start Program

Exemplary early intervention programs for families with children who have hearing loss.

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REACH UP (Realizing Early Achievement in Children's Hearing)

- ◆ Specialized program benefitting infants and toddlers (birth – 3) hearing loss
- ◆ Auditory oral program using auditory verbal teaching techniques to promote optimal auditory development and receptive/ expressive language
- ◆ Language rich classroom promotes growth in spoken language
- ◆ Classroom and playground specially designed to ensure optimal listening conditions
- ◆ Parent training topics include unilateral hearing loss, communication & listening skills, early literacy & child development

ABC Early Start (Acquiring & Building Communication Early Start)

- ◆ Specialized program benefitting infants and toddlers (birth – 3) with hearing loss ranging from mild to profound
- ◆ Total Communication teaching strategies (i.e., sign, oral, aural, and visual) are used extensively and are individualized to each child's need to promote receptive and expressive communication and overall developmental progress
- ◆ Classroom specifically designed for children to practice newly acquired skills
- ◆ Parent networking and training opportunities include *Park Days*, *Shared Reading Project*, and *ASL classes*

Southwest SELPA DHH Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Hearing Loss

- ◆ Teaching teams include credentialed teachers of deaf/hard-of-hearing children, licensed/credentialed speech/language pathologists, licensed/credentialed educational audiologists, and highly trained paraeducators
- ◆ Support services include speech/language therapy, audiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy
- ◆ Classrooms have a high adult : child ratio
- ◆ Home visits/parent training for infants birth to 18 months; classroom and home visit/parent training combination for toddlers 18 months+; or, home visits/parent training and community itinerant support for toddlers 18 months+
- ◆ Developmentally appropriate classroom environment, programming, and adult-child interaction models
- ◆ Amplification systems (e.g., FM/infrared) are available for use in a variety of configurations relative to each child's needs
- ◆ Daily lesson plans address all areas of development (receptive/expressive language, cognition, social emotional, fine motor, gross motor) and are based on a developmental curriculum
- ◆ Classroom learning is active, hands-on and highly individualized
- ◆ Music, movement, art, and literacy are incorporated into a language-rich environment
- ◆ Transportation is available
- ◆ Transition support for children and families to next learning environment via IFSP/IEP process

- ◆ Family support and information via SW SELPA Family Resource Center, Parent Orientation Meetings, Parent Support Group, Community Advisory Committee and www.swselpa.org

SW SELPA DHH Programs serve:

El Segundo USD
Hawthorne SD
Hermosa Beach City SD
Inglewood USD
Lawndale SD
Lennox SD
Manhattan Beach USD
Palos Verdes Peninsula USD
Redondo Beach USD
Torrance USD
Wiseburn SD

ALL visits to classroom programs are by appointment only.

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