

## Early Intervention Colorado: Part C of IDEA

This family-centered program is provided in collaboration with Early Intervention (EI) Colorado through Local Early Intervention Programs to meet the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) needs and outcomes through visits from the CHIP Facilitator

Colorado's EI program provides supports and services to children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families from birth until the child's third birthday. EI Colorado helps families learn ways to support and promote their child's development within everyday routines and activities

### EI Services

EI Services and supports are determined through the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This plan is developed by a team that includes parents and/or caregivers, a service coordinator, and appropriate service providers. The CO-Hear Coordinator is a member of this team and will provide information to determine what services and supports are needed to meet outcomes that are important to each family.



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## Additional Program Opportunities

- **Ascent Program**  
Connections with adult role models who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- **Colorado Shared Reading Project (CSRP)**  
Program that teaches book sharing strategies to read effectively to their children using American Sign Language
- **Early Literacy Events**  
Regional events that include book reading, music, and connection to families and DHH adults
- **Hands and Voices**  
An organization that provides support from parents who have a child who is DHH
- **Other Specialized Providers**  
Connections to providers in a variety of specialty areas

## CHIP Facilitator

The CHIP Facilitator is the provider coming to your home for consistent visits. Facilitators are highly qualified professionals, with at least a master's degree in the areas of Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, or Deaf Education, and are members of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team. They have experience and training specific to working with young children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, including auditory skill development, language acquisition, potential impact of varied hearing levels on development, audiograms and amplification, the CHIP assessment, culturally diverse backgrounds, American Sign Language, and Listening and Spoken Language.



**“She [CHIP Facilitator] supported us dynamically and holistically amidst stressful circumstances for our family...”**

*~parent of a DHH child in CHIP*

## Colorado Home Intervention Program (CHIP)

The Colorado Hearing Resource (CO-Hear) Coordinators coordinate CHIP, a statewide, family-centered, early intervention program provided in a natural setting. This program provides a strong emphasis on parent education to promote family abilities in developing language competence for their child to achieve their full potential. CHIP believes in empowering families in the decision-making process and in trusting parents to determine what is best for their child through informed choices. The philosophy of CHIP is that parents are the best guides of their child's development.

