

Support for the Journey

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CHOICES FOR
CHILDREN
Early Intervention Program



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THE SCRANTON SCHOOL
for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Children



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CHOICES FOR CHILDREN

- Early Intervention program serving children birth to three in Pennsylvania
- Teachers provide objective information, advocacy, and language training to parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children





Program Beginnings

Professional Learning Community





History of the Program

- American Sign Language Club
the basics
- Recognizing a need
- More than a diagnosis





DEAF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- It is important for the medical community to be sensitive to the Deaf community
- Giving student-doctors the opportunity to become well-rounded physicians





PARENT PERSPECTIVE

- Physicians that connect with families emotionally are valuable
- This impacts the comfort level parents have for their child's medical care





Parents want to be heard and understood by their doctors.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Contact us with your
questions





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