



**Supporting Deaf Involvement within the
Home, School, and Community**

EHDI 2022

Mission Statement



Providing Communication
Access; Hearing and
Assistive Technologies;
and Support Services for
Persons who are Deaf,
DeafBlind and Hard of
Hearing.



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Founded in
1916

Located in
Chicago

Outreach
Services
FREE

Serve Birth
- 100+



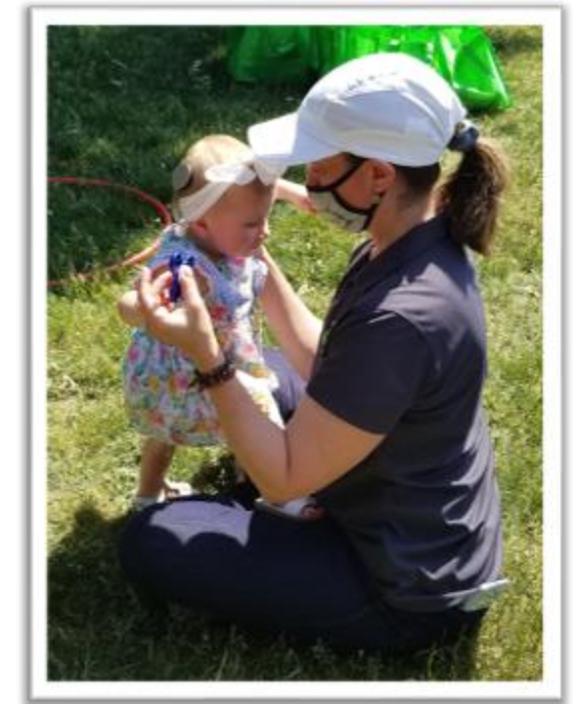


Departments

- ▶ Hearing Health Clinic/Audiology
- ▶ Interpreter Services
- ▶ **Community Outreach & Advocacy**
- ▶ Training and Education

Role of Deaf Mentor/Deaf Adult Role Model

Support	Support the chosen communication approach.
Model	Teach and model chosen communication modality.
Provide	Provide information on assistive technology.
Teach	Teach communication strategies across home, school, and community.
Share	Share personal experiences growing up as an individual who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing.



Role of Deaf Mentor/Deaf Adult Role Model

- ▶ Model and provide language and literacy activity ideas and strategies.
- ▶ Educate about Deaf culture.
- ▶ Connect to resources in their communities.
- ▶ Share experiences/model strategies for successful technology maintenance.
- ▶ Share experiences/model strategies for successful daily routines and advocacy.
- ▶ Empower by teaching accessibility rights and advocacy skills.



In the HOME

- ▶ Sign Language Classes
(supported in English and Spanish for Parents)
- ▶ READ Kits
- ▶ Deaf Mentor Program (0-22)
- ▶ Children and Hearing Loss Notebook



In the SCHOOLS

- ▶ READ Program
- ▶ DEAR Day
- ▶ ARMED
- ▶ National Deaf Youth Day
- ▶ Leadership & Jr. NAD







In the COMMUNITY

- ▶ Deaf Mentors
 - KidFest
 - READ Family Day
 - Virtual Monthly Meet Up
 - Events
- ▶ Hospitals, Libraries, Community Organizations





A collage of US dollar bills and wooden blocks spelling 'MONEY'. The image is split into two main sections. The left section shows a close-up of several US dollar bills, including a one-dollar bill and a five-dollar bill, with wooden blocks spelling out the word 'MONEY' in black letters. The right section is a white background with a green geometric design on the right edge. The word 'Funding' is written in a large, bold, green font at the top. Below it, the text 'Initial Funding' is followed by a green arrow pointing to 'Illinois EHDI support'. Further down, 'Current Funding' is followed by three green arrows pointing to 'Local and State Foundations', 'Local and State Organizational Partnerships', and 'Donations'.

Funding

Initial Funding

- ▶ Illinois EHDI support

Current Funding

- ▶ Local and State Foundations
- ▶ Local and State Organizational Partnerships
- ▶ Donations

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