

Families who have a baby or toddler who is deaf or hard of hearing are presented with a wave of new learning and expectations. You are introduced to new terminology, new professionals, and are presented with choices that require decision-making on topics that may be unfamiliar. This is a lot for you to take on, all while doing the most important work of caring, bonding, and connecting with your little one.

WSB CARES team has created a guide of topics for families to participate in alongside their Birth to 3 providers that will allow for the sharing of unbiased information, space for reflection, and resources for further learning. We will spend several visits navigating these topics together.

Parents/Caregiver, please review the topics below and number them in order of your interest/priority (1-8) so that we can address your top questions first.

	<p><u>Your Team</u> Understanding your team, how everyone works together and your journey getting to this point (Audiologist, Ear, Nose & Throat Doctor, Primary Care Physician, Birth to 3 Program, Wisconsin Sound Beginnings)</p>
	<p><u>Parent-Child Early Relationships Matter</u> Let's observe how YOUR baby/toddler is communicating (without words/signs) and learn strategies for responding and building relationship and communication.</p>
	<p><u>It's All About the Brain</u> Early brain development and connection to communication, language, and relationships</p>
	<p><u>Your Child's hearing status - What does it all mean?</u> Understanding the terms and descriptions of hearing levels, hearing tests, the hearing pathway, and unpacking how it applies to your child.</p>
	<p><u>Technology Opportunities</u> Understanding amplification and assistive technology, the benefits and limitations, and strategies for optimizing their usefulness in daily routines.</p>
	<p><u>Communication Opportunities</u> Languages, signing, listening, talking, Culture & Community, what it takes</p>
	<p><u>GREAT (Grass Roots Engagement Action Team) Young Adults</u> Meet young adults who are D/deaf or hard of hearing (who use various languages and modes of communication) and learn about how they grew up and what they're doing now</p>
	<p><u>GREAT (Grass Roots Engagement Action Team) Parents</u> Meet other parents who have children who are D/deaf or hard of hearing and hear about their experiences and journeys</p>