

How is California Improving Early Language Acquisition Opportunities?

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A PROGRAM OF NORCAL SERVICES FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

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What we know

- Historically, Deaf children have struggled academically.
- Being Deaf or Hard of Hearing does not cause language delay.
- It is language deprivation that causes language delay.
This is true even if the hearing level is mild or unilateral.

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT FROM BIRTH TO THREE IS CENTRAL PART OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION

For Deaf children of hearing parents, the most significant predictors of success are:

- **AGE OF IDENTIFICATION**
- **APPROPRIATE EARLY LANGUAGE ACQUISITION SERVICES**
- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**
- **DEAF MENTORS & COACHES**

1986

**The Early Intervention
Program for Infants and
Toddlers with
Disabilities**

KNOWN AS PART C

1998

AB 2789
**California Universal
Newborn Hearing
Screening Legislation**

**LEGISLATIVE WORK BY
DEAF COMMUNITY LEADERS**

2010

**Federal Law:
Early Hearing Detection
& Intervention (EHDI)
Act**

**Health Resources & Service
Agency Federal Grant**

2015

**First LEAD-K Law:
CA Senate Bill 210**

Early Language Milestones Law

Your Deaf Child's Early Language Acquisition Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress at every IFSP & IEP meeting

This Parent Profile is designed to help you track your child's language growth. You and your Early Start or preschool teacher should discuss whether your child is meeting each of these milestones and is making age-appropriate language growth. Check off each milestone as your child meets it. Be an active observer of your child in the exciting journey towards being language ready for kindergarten at age 5.

Start here:

Birth -1 year old

- Your baby smiles when they see you
- Your baby looks around and is attentive to people's faces.
- Your baby shows awareness of the environment.
- By 12 months, your baby has 1-3 signs and/or words.



1-2 years old

- Your baby recognizes their own name when it is spoken or signed.
- Your baby uses signed or spoken names to refer to self and others.
- Your baby takes 1-2 turns in a conversation.
- Your baby uses exclamatory expressions.



2-3 Years old

- By 2½ years of age, your child answers questions with yes or no
- Your child uses intelligible words or signs about 80% of the time.
- Your child vocalizes or signs for all needs.



3-4 Years old

- Your child answers questions logically.
- Your child starts to understand different perspectives.
- Your child communicates fluently, clearly, and is easily understood by family and familiar adults.



4-5 Years old

- Your child begins to ask the meanings of words and signs.
- Your child uses 2,500+ words and/or signs
- Your child puts sequencing concepts together.



For the Full List of California's Language Milestones, Use This Link

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ss/dh/sb210langmilestones.asp>

English and Spanish Languages Milestones are Available

For More Language Options, Visit LEAD Family Services Website:

<https://leadkfamilyservices.org/languagedevelopment/>

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2020

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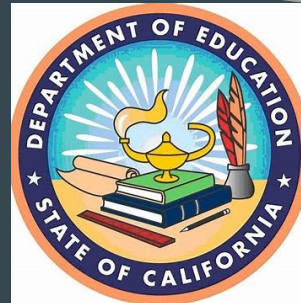
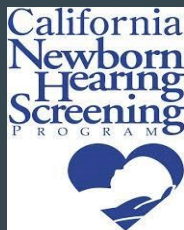
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(DHCS)**

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**Early Start
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CDE)**



CA EHDI: LEAD-K Family Services Program has the following goals:

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hearing screening of all infants before 1 month of age

3

audiological diagnosis before 3 months of age if the infant does not pass hearing screening

6

enrollment in early intervention services by 6 months of age

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connected with Family/Parent Mentor by 6 months of age

9

enrollment in Deaf Coach services as offered through early intervention by 9 months of age

California Newborn Hearing Screening Program

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Saturday, March 9th, 2024
10am - 2pm

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HRSA EHDI Grant Additional Requirement: Early Language Milestones (Age 5)

Effective 2024, State EHDI programs are required to add language milestones and accountability to the family services.

- Families will receive age appropriate universal language milestones for ages 0-5 in ASL, English, and language of home.
- With language milestones available, if the Deaf or hard of hearing child is not on track with the language acquisition and development, the family can discuss this immediately with the educational IFSP or IEP team to make changes to the child's program that might help the child gain age appropriate language skills.

The goal is for each Deaf and hard of hearing child to acquire age appropriate language skills and is ready for Kindergarten at age five.

What Helps the Families to Feel Empowered in Their Journey

- Online and In-Person American Sign Language (ASL) Resources
- Early Language Milestones Resources
- Resources about strategies for teaching speech
- Offer in Representative Toys, Books, & Games Appropriate for Deaf Children
- Recommend to the Family to ask their Early Intervention provider for Deaf adult role model/coach/mentor to support their child's language acquisition and development as part of IFSP/IEP services.

Q & A



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