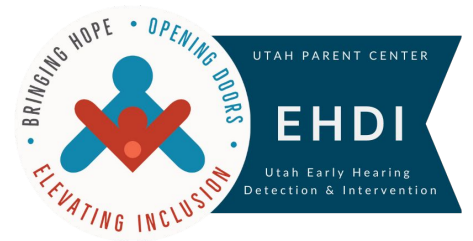




**Making Connections
Through Family
Events in Utah!**

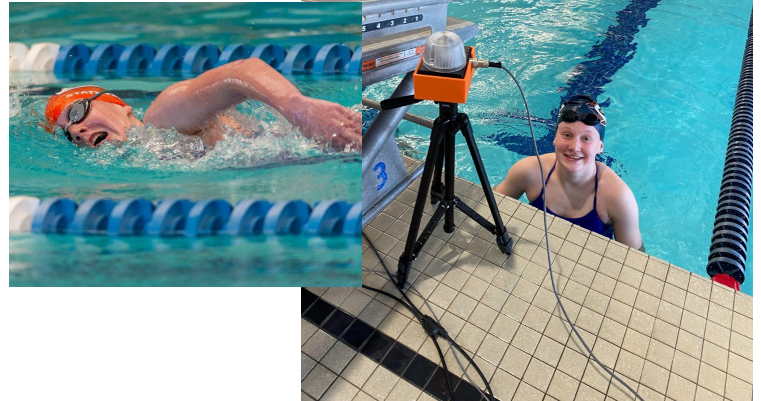


- Describe the various methods used to connect and support DHH families in Utah through family events
- Identify ways to collaborate with different organizations supporting DHH families in the state
- Develop a plan for facilitating interaction between families and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teen/Adult Mentors



Our Families







EHDI Parent Consultants (PCs)



- Family Based Organization
- Provides Parent to Parent Support to families of children, youth, and young adults with all disabilities in the state of Utah
- State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program



Utah School for the Deaf Parent Infant Program

- Parent Infant Program (PIP) is the contracted Part C Early Intervention program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children in Utah
- Event partnership started in 2023 where we decided to combine our resources and co-host events in hopes of creating larger family gatherings



Parent Infant Program

USDB

Utah Schools for the Deaf & the Blind



Positive Outcomes from Partnership with PIP



- Higher quality events
- Attendance increase
- Opportunity for Families to see more varying ages of other children and types of hearing loss & communication modalities
- Older children able to reconnect with PIP Advisors and Deaf Mentors
- Cross connection of families only EHCI or PIP had previously been able to make contact with
- Strengthened relationship of trust and cooperation between EHCI and PIP

Planning Process

- Brainstorm possible locations with the Parent Volunteer Network
- PIP and EHDI PCs research locations and costs
- PIP and EHDI PCs meet together to review research and finalize details
- PIP provides the funding for the locations, snacks, and ASL interpreters
- EHDI PCs provide flyers, registration, advertising, and Parent Volunteers



Flyer Samples



EHDI/PIP JULY SUMMER ACTIVITIES



MEET UPS

JULY 10
10 AM-12 PM
TOOELE ENGLAND ACRES PARK
880 N 400 E, TOOELE
Register:
<https://bit.ly/AcresParkJul10>

JULY 10
10 AM-11:30 AM
ADVENTURE HEIGHT PARK SPLASH PAD
1321 E CANYON RD, SPANISH FORK
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SplashJul10>

JULY 11
10 AM-12 PM
TERRYS HOUSE/BACKYARD
218 E. ST. SLC, UT
Register:
<https://bit.ly/TerrysJul11>

JULY 17
10 AM-12 PM
SPRINGVILLE SPLASH PAD
50 S MAIN ST, SPRINGVILLE
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SplashJul17>

JULY 18
10 AM-11:30 AM
LAURITZEN'S BACKYARD PLEASANT VIEW
ADDRESS WILL BE EMAILED OUT ONCE REGISTERED
Register:
<https://bit.ly/BackyardJul18>

FIELD TRIPS

JULY 8
10 AM - 12 PM
SPRINGVILLE MUSEUM OF ART
126 E 400 S Springville
Register:
<https://bit.ly/ArtJul8>

JULY 15
12:30 - 2 PM
TREEHOUSE MUSEUM
347 22ND ST, OGDEN
Register:
<https://bit.ly/TreehouseJul15>

JULY 17
9 - 11 AM
MUSEUM OF NATURAL CURIOSITY
3605 GARDEN DR, LEHI
Register:
<https://bit.ly/CuriosityJul17>

JULY 12
10 - 11:30 AM
ZOOTAH AT WILLOW PARK
419 W 700 S, LOGAN
Register:
<https://bit.ly/WillowJul12>

JULY 29
10 AM - 12 PM
SPRINGVILLE REC CENTER POOL
717 S 1200 W, SPRINGVILLE
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SplashJul29>

JULY 25
11 AM - 1 PM
DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY LAYTON BRANCH
155 N WASATCH DR, LAYTON
Register:
<https://bit.ly/StoriesJul25>

Carnivals

JULY 2 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SPRINGVILLE USDB
1160 W 900 S, SPRINGVILLE, UT
Register:
<https://bit.ly/InsideOutJul2>

JULY 10
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
OGDEN USDB
742 S. HARRISON BLVD, OGDEN, UT
Register:
<https://bit.ly/Moana2Jul10>

JULY 23
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SALT LAKE USDB
1655 E 3300 S, SLC, UT
Register:
<https://bit.ly/EncantoJul23>

JOIN US FOR FUN ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE STATE TO MEET OTHER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING MEMBERS! REGISTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 | 5 PM - 7 PM

Come and connect with other Deaf/Hard of Hearing Families at Green Acres Dairy.
Free tickets to the first 100 people registered (Immediate Family Members only).
Additional tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event.

Green Acres Dairy
449 S 4700 W, Ogden, UT 84404

Register to attend:
<https://bit.ly/FallFestival25>

Need assistance registering? Contact Aubri at 385-419-2156 aubri@utahparentcenter.org

PIP/EHDI SPRING ACTIVITY

Come and connect with other Deaf/Hard of Hearing Families at Kidstopia

Where?
14725 S Porter Rockwell Blvd
STE K
Bluffdale, UT 84065

When?
Friday
March 27, 2026
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Register here:
<https://bit.ly/March27Spring>

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Promoting Events

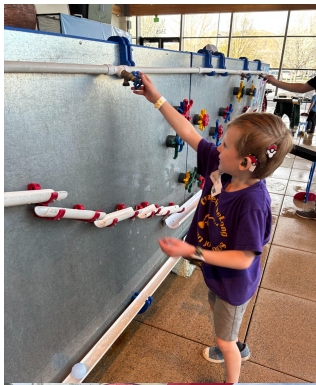
- Send out to EHDI and PIP Parent and Professional email lists
- Post on social media pages
- Newsletters
- Send to Utah School for the Deaf and Sound Beginnings



Fall and Winter/Spring Events



- In the fall and winter/spring we do bigger ticketed events
- Alternating locations in the state
- Past Events:
 - Airplane
 - Aquarium
 - Museum of Natural Curiosity
 - Corn Maze
 - Indoor Playground



Summer Events



- We have divided the state into 4 different regions with events in each region
- Parents help host with PIP Advisors
- 2025 summer we held 35 events:
 - Field Trips: 8
 - Carnivals: 6
 - Meetups: 21
- 2026 summer new format:
 - 3 theme meetups (Art, ASL, Music, or Carnival) in each region
 - 1 Field Trip in each region (zoo, museum, etc.)
 - Parent led informal gatherings posted through Group-me





Youth/Young Adult Ambassadors



- Volunteers ages 14-24
- Variety of types of hearing loss and language modalities
- Share about their life experiences at family events
- Flyer shared with professionals to help identify potential Ambassadors



PIP Deaf Mentors



- Deaf Mentors are employed PIP staff members
- Mentors must be Deaf and have advanced ASL skills
- Deaf Mentors focus on American Sign Language and Deaf Culture exposure for families
- Encourage the families they work with to attend events



Salt Lake Community College (SLCC)

- ASL Interpreting Program
- Provides and assists families with a craft at the event
- Gives the students the opportunity to practice signing and connect with Deaf/Hard of Hearing families



Reporting

- Attendance is collected at all events
- Both PIP and EHDI PCs collect feedback from families after they attend the events through a Google Form
- EHDI PCs have to collect demographics data for grant reporting





DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PARENT-TO-PARENT SUPPORT



Meet Your Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Parent Consultants

Get Connected:

- Family Events
- WebinEars
- Resources
- Parent Newsletters

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