

## How Vision and Hearing Impact Development

- Play a critical role in concept development and social interactions
- Motivate infants and toddlers to explore and learn by observation
- Provide assurance that families and caregivers are interested, responsive, and will affirm communication and language development
- Supports independence
- Fosters self-help and social-emotional skills

If your child receives a diagnosis that impacts their development, they may qualify for Early Intervention Services.

### No Cost Services Include:

- Evaluation and assessment
- Development of an Individualized Family Service Plan
- Case management
- Services from teachers of students who are deafblind, visually impaired, and/or deaf or hard of hearing
- Services from an orientation & mobility specialist

## Questions?

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# Identifying Young Children who are Deafblind



## A Guide for Texas Families

**A child is considered deafblind when they:**

- are identified as having both hearing and vision differences, even if mild; **or**
- are identified as blind or visually impaired and have a suspected hearing difference or delayed communication; **or**
- have a medical diagnosis that may impact vision and hearing as they grow



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*We all need close connections with other people—the good feeling of being with someone who understands you and with whom you can share experiences and emotions.*

*-Bernadette van den Tillaart*



## Take a Moment

**The following considerations may help alert you to any additional supports you and your little one might need:**

**Complications before, during, or after birth**  
**Hereditary syndromes/disorders**  
**Neurological concerns**  
**Prematurity**

## To My Family...

- I learn through every interaction
- I communicate with my whole body
- Playing with me helps me build strong concepts
- I feel safe when my world is predictable
- Our connection helps me build resilience and together we will achieve so much!