

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE UNIT

Early Intervention Service – Hearing Impaired

For children from birth to 5 years old
who are Deaf or have a hearing impairment

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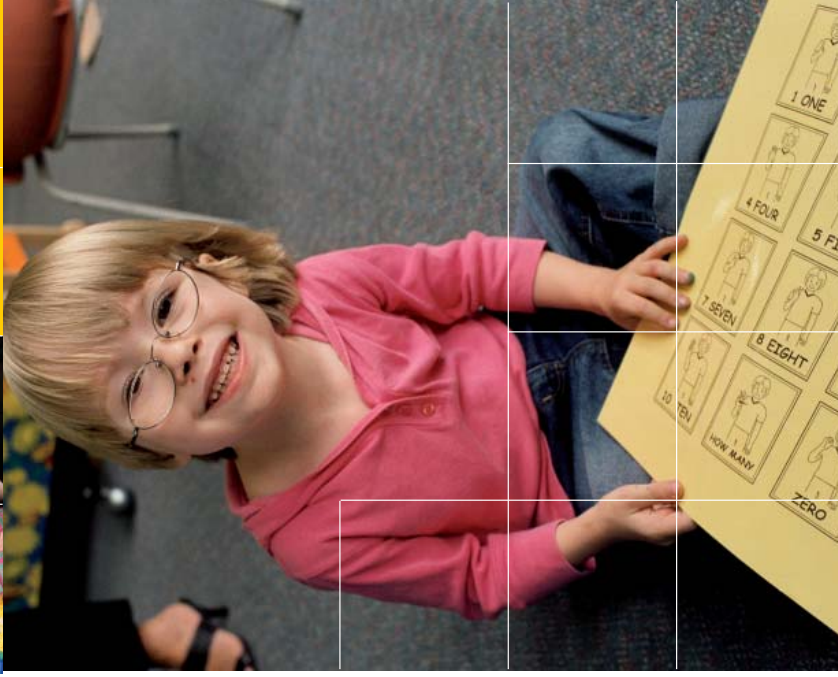
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Information for early childhood sites



About hearing loss

- Ear infections cause hearing loss.
- As many as 25% of children suffer from some degree of recurring middle ear infection.
- Any degree of hearing loss may affect a child's language and pre-literacy development.
- Early diagnosis and intervention is the key.



Our service

Our team members are qualified Teachers of the Deaf. We provide individual support in the home or early childhood setting. We support:

- babies and children 0–5 years
- parents/carers
- early childhood personnel.

Assessment

We can help staff at your site, once a child has been diagnosed with a hearing impairment.

For DECS sites, submit a single referral form to your district disability coordinator.

We can help with:

- professional development for staff
- liaison with allied services
- development of individual programs
- monitoring progress
- use of audiological equipment
- acoustic information and reports
- transition to school.



Hearing tests

If you believe your child has a hearing loss, hearing tests are available at:

- Child and Youth Health Hearing Assessment Centre
Telephone: 8204 1500
- The Women's and Children's Hospital Audiology Department
Telephone: 8204 7000
- Modbury Hospital
Telephone: 8161 2000
- Australian Hearing
Adelaide: 8204 1500
Modbury: 8396 0356
Marion: 8377 0633
- Aboriginal Health Service
Nunakurarrin Yunti: 8223 5217
Lyell McEwin Hospital: 8282 1206
- Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists
A referral from a general practitioner is necessary.
A list of specialists is available from the Australian Medical Association
Telephone: 8267 4355
- Private Audiologists
These are listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory under 'Audiology'.