Family Support

CEID is a multi-disciplinary program focusing on the whole child and meeting their unique needs. CEID’s services are for children with diverse special needs in addition to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Our services are comprehensive, flexible, warm, and caring. We strive to meet the unique needs of each family, while always keeping the children’s well-being and growth our priority. Working closely with the family, CEID’s professional staff help develop a growth and education plan that supports positive advancement on all levels. Families share their experiences and build support networks with other parents of children with special communication needs.

- Parent Support Group
- Sign Classes
- Parent Education Workshops
- Parent & Child Playgroups
- Family Events and Activities
- Lending Library

Specialized Education Programs

Home Based Early Intervention
The CEID Home Visit Program provides services to families with children younger than 36 months old typically on a weekly basis. Visits occur at home or in a child care setting, and can include parents, family members, and caregivers. With the guidance of a CEID Home Visitor (also known as an Early Intervention Specialist), families learn how to expand their child’s language abilities at home by becoming informed about hearing levels, language development, communication strategies, social responses, and educational play.

Toddler (18-36mo) and Preschool Class (3-5yo) (D/HH)
We take an individualized approach to communication and language integrating multi-modal strategies throughout the day. Our classrooms combine both free play and structured activities to foster the mastery of age appropriate skills in the areas of communication and socialization, as well as motor and cognitive development. The classes use a hands-on, play based approach enabling children to fully interact with toys and peers providing multiple opportunities to practice successful social interactions while also developing spoken, auditory, and sign language skills. Both classes use a Total Communication approach, including the simultaneous use of Signing Exact English (SEE) and spoken English.

Sunshine Preschool and Childcare
Sunshine Preschool and Childcare is for all children, ages 2 to 5 years. An inclusive, play-based program, Sunshine serves typically developing children alongside their peers from our other classes. The Sunshine curriculum encourages active learning and creativity. We support the needs of the youngest students while also emphasizing kindergarten readiness for children who are 4 to 5 years old.

Speech & Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy
Our professional Therapists have years of experience working specifically with young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. CEID Speech and Language Pathologists are skilled at engaging students in activities and play while working hard to achieve unique communication needs using a multi-modal approach that includes the use of sign language and include the use of pictures and technical devices to support a student’s individual needs. Our licensed Occupational Therapist provides intensive support and focuses on building fine motor, gross motor, oral motor and sensory integration skills.
Itinerant Consultation and Trainings

For students in K-12th grade in public charter schools, CEID Teachers of the Deaf offer direct support, staff consultations, and assessments. Each of our teachers has training in, and expertise with, audiological implications, types of academic support, language acquisition, social-emotional development, and inclusion methods. We help develop IEP goals related to a student’s specific needs resulting from hearing loss and provide the support necessary to meet and improve academic and functional performance. We build a proactive partnership with students that increases self-esteem and encourages a positive attitude toward learning.

Pediatric Resident Training Program

Each month, pediatric residents and medical providers from around the Bay Area visit CEID to observe our classrooms and therapy sessions. Because medical schools and residency programs do not provide specialized education on childhood hearing loss, this training educates health care providers about the importance of early identification, the referral process, effective and comprehensive early intervention strategies and how to support parents during their first few weeks and months of the diagnostic process.


The Guide was developed to share critical information with pediatric medical providers, educators, parents and advocates. This edition includes powerful parent perspectives; summaries of recent advances; laws and procedures regarding newborn hearing screening and public policy; practical interpretations of audiograms and describing varying degrees of hearing levels and losses; information about Early Start, Part C of IDEA, and the IFSP process; research findings in the areas of Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder, unilateral hearing loss, genetics; descriptions of new amplification, screening and diagnostic tools; updated definitions of various communication approaches, Deaf Culture, and children who are Deaf Plus.

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