

If Your
Infant or Toddler
Has a
Hearing Loss.....

Immediate Help
is Available



CALL:
Infant & Toddler Connection
of Fairfax- Falls Church

703-246-7121



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1-800-234-1448

Bright Beginnings for Babies
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Services for Infants and Toddlers
Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing



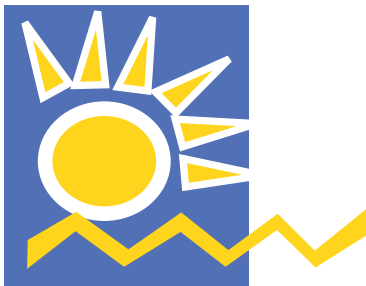
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Bright Beginnings for Babies is a collaborative early intervention program provided by Fairfax County Public Schools and the Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church for babies who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. The Bright Beginnings team is composed of teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, audiologists and a social worker who collaborate with Early Intervention Services staff. A range of services is offered which focus on supporting parents as they help their children grow and learn.

Working directly with families, the team helps parents understand their child's hearing loss, establish the daily use of amplification, promote the acquisition of communication skills and facilitate age appropriate development. Parents have the opportunity to learn about communication choices available to them and their child and are informed about community resources. Guided by the belief that "babies can't wait," Bright Beginnings for Babies is committed to providing deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers and their families with a firm foundation of skills to build a successful future.



Fairfax County Public Schools and Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church collaborate to provide:

- R multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluations
- R service coordination
- R development and implementation of an individualized plan (educational, audiological, and other services as needed).
- R ongoing diagnostic and educational audiological services
- R family orientation to inform parents of the range of available services
- R opportunities to experience communication options: Auditory-Oral, Cued Speech, Total Communication
- R individual parent and child educational sessions in the home and/or school focusing on the development of communication skills
- R cochlear implant rehabilitation and coordination with implant centers
- R workshops and educational programs to provide information and support for families
- R play groups, field trips and social activities for families and children
- R referrals to appropriate community resources
- R networking with community agencies and organizations

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For questions about Bright Beginnings for Babies, call 703- 505- 4582.