

Center-Based Environment: Research Brief

For Programs Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants & Toddlers

These research show the benefits of family-centered early intervention for deaf and hard of hearing children. When families have access to timely information, coaching, ASL and bilingual communication strategies, and opportunities to build confidence and self-efficacy, they are better able to support their deaf and hard of hearing child's language and overall development. Center-based playgroups further strengthen these outcomes by providing opportunities for peer connection, shared learning, and partnerships with professionals and Deaf adults. Together, these experiences build family capacity and support improved language, social-emotional, and developmental outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers.

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