

Program Identity: Provider Checklist

For Programs Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants & Toddlers

Providers play an important role in helping families understand and experience the program's philosophy, values, and approach to language development. This checklist can support providers in promoting bilingual language development, Deaf culture, and positive family partnerships.

Program Philosophy & Language Approach

- ☐ Explain the program's language and communication approach in family-friendly ways.
- ☐ Support language access and bilingual development during interactions with children and families.
- ☐ Communicate how language experiences support communication, learning, and development.

Family Engagement & Support

- ☐ Listen to family priorities, questions, and concerns.
- ☐ Use strengths-based conversations when discussing language and communication.
- ☐ Support families as they learn about communication options, bilingualism, and language development.

Deaf Culture & Community Connections

- ☐ Share information about Deaf culture and Deaf community resources.
- ☐ Connect families with Deaf adults, mentors, and community opportunities when appropriate.
- ☐ Promote positive Deaf identity and language-rich experiences.

Consistent Messaging & Representation

- ☐ Communicate messages that align with the program's philosophy and values.
- ☐ Use resources and materials that reflect Deaf culture and bilingual development.
- ☐ Collaborate with team members and partners to provide consistent information and support.

Reflection & Continuous Improvement

- ☐ Seek feedback from families about their experiences and questions.
- ☐ Reflect on how services support language access, family engagement, and child outcomes.
- ☐ Participate in ongoing learning related to bilingual development, Deaf culture, and family-centered practices.