

# Deaf Mentor Program

## Delaware Families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children aged Birth-5

The Deaf Mentor Program provides families, with deaf/hard of hearing children, an opportunity to work with highly trained deaf/hard of hearing adult role models to enhance children's language, social, and emotional development. The program is **FREE** for the families!

### What the Deaf Mentor will provide:

- Ongoing interactions with an individual deaf mentor
- Use of National SKI-HI Deaf Mentor Curriculum
- Services based on family's individual needs and goals
- A bridge between the family and Deaf community through events and activities

### What you will learn:

- What it is like to be deaf in a hearing world
- How to create an accessible environment for your Deaf/Hard of Hearing child
- How to interact with your Deaf/Hard of Hearing child
- American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture
- First hand experiences growing up being a Deaf/Hard of Hearing person
- Communication choices, technology use, and educational placement

### Who can sign up:

- Parents/Guardians of Deaf/Hard of Children aged Birth-5 years old
- Residents of Delaware

If you are interested in receiving deaf mentor services, please fill out the family intake form:

<https://forms.gle/yg9mmzz5bxChJ1Zd9>

For more information, please contact Kathy O'Donnell, Deaf Mentor Coordinator at [kathodonnell5@gmail.com](mailto:kathodonnell5@gmail.com)

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