

**HOW CAN MY FAMILY ENROLL IN
THE NEWBORN HEARING
PARENT CONSULTANT PROGRAM?**

Enrolling in the Parent Consultant program is free, easy and confidential. Simply complete the form below and mail to:

Family Voices of Tennessee
c/o Tennessee Disability Coalition
955 Woodland Street
Nashville, TN 37206

Call: (615) 383-9442
Toll-Free for Families: (888) 643-7811
Email: familyvoices@tndisability.org

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

FAMILY VOICES[®] of Tennessee

part of a national grassroots network of families and friends speaking on behalf of children with special health care needs

FamilyVoices, Inc., was founded by family leaders concerned about the changing health care environment and the implications for our children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or other special health care needs. Operated by and for families in our state Family Voices:

- ♥ Educates families and professionals about quality programs and best practices for children with special health care needs
- ♥ Assists families to navigate health care and related service systems and avoid or overcome barriers to care for their children
- ♥ Trains families to be the best possible advocates for their children's health and training professionals to work with families
- ♥ Supports families to have a voice in the design, development, implementation, and monitoring of health policies and programs for children and families
- ♥ Works with professionals and families to improve children's health policies and programs in ways that are helpful to families
- ♥ Promotes family-centered care, family/professional partnerships, and Medical Homes for children with special health care needs
- ♥ Helps document family needs and family stories as a basis for policy planning and service implementation
- ♥ Outreach to families and professionals to raise awareness for children's health issues and build the network of Family Voices

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*A program
for
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State of Tennessee
Department of Health
Newborn Hearing Screening
(615) 262-6160

Your Newborn Hearing Parent Consultants will be able to:

- ♥ ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
- ♥ SHARE ALL THE OPTIONS YOU HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD
- ♥ SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN PARENTING A CHILD WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING
- ♥ CONNECT YOU WITH RESOURCES AND FAMILIES THAT MIGHT HELP YOU

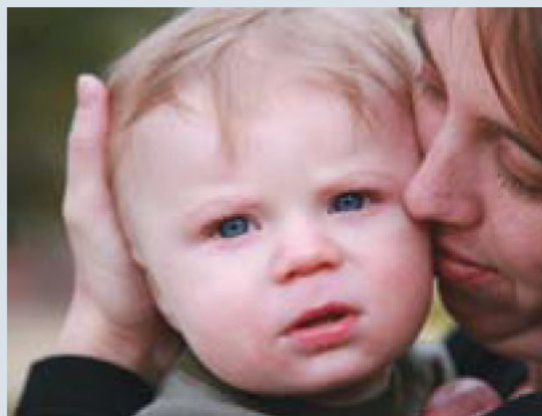


“When we found out that our son was deaf, it was devastating and overwhelming. I can’t express enough how much it meant to have another parent that understood what we were going through. Our parent consultant was invaluable to our family.”

Who are the Parent Consultants?

Parent Consultants are parents just like you who have children of various ages who are deaf or hard of hearing. We have experienced the same emotions, had the same questions and fears that you have.

We strive to provide support services to families of children who have been recently diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing as well as families who have known of their child’s hearing loss for some time.



We have been trained to provide information and support and are committed to providing an unbiased look at raising a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. All forms of communication are supported including:

- amplification
- cochlear implantation
- signing
- cueing
- spoken language

We believe that parents know what is best for their child and family but need enough information to make good, informed choices and we pride ourself in keeping abreast of all the experts, resources, and people that might be able to help you.

- All information about your child and family is kept private.
- Can work with you no matter where you live in Tennessee
- Services are provided at no cost and are based on the needs of each individual child.

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