

Educational Audiologists Enhance Access to Communication

Educational audiologists are usually part of multidisciplinary professional team that works to meet the hearing needs of children and students ages 0–21. Because of their unique training, they can offer valuable insight to the development of Individualized Education Plans and/or Individualized Family Service Plans, and develop recommendations for interpreters/translators, assist with transition planning, and make referrals to outside agencies or medical sites/physicians.

Educational Audiology offers the following Services/Technical Assistance to participating school districts:

- Diagnostic services to evaluate hearing and auditory processing;
- Audiologic assessments that incorporate the measurement of classroom acoustics and evaluation of soundfield amplification systems in the classroom;
- Assess a student's functional ability to access auditory information in the classroom which demonstrates a linkage of diagnostic information to educational services/ accommodations instruction to students and school personnel on the use and specific troubleshooting techniques of amplification systems (hearing aids, cochlear implants, soundfield systems and assistive listening devices);
- Selection and fitting of amplification and hearing assistance technology, calibration and maintenance of audiologic equipment;
- Consultation to school district personnel about specific student needs (accommodations/modifications/amplification systems) related to a fluctuating or permanent hearing impairment that is in both ears (bilateral) or in one ear (unilateral), documentation of students' progress in relation to intervention programs;
- Direct intervention services in audiologic rehabilitation (AR);
- In-service training for students, their parents, and school personnel; and
- Early hearing detection/screening and intervention program.