

## MEET THE IHP TEAM

Once hearing loss has been identified in your child, the Infant Hearing Program (IHP) will connect you with a team of skilled professionals and a range of programs to support your child and your family:

### IHP AUDIOLOGISTS

#### Regulated Audiologists with training in IHP protocols

- Conduct hearing assessments to identify hearing loss and to monitor hearing throughout the preschool years
- Support families in making decisions about spoken and signed language development services
- Evaluate hearing technology to prescribe and fit the most appropriate type for child's needs.
- Regularly assess how well hearing devices are working for your child and make programming adjustments as needed.
- Counsel families about what hearing devices can and cannot do, how to use them, and how to care for them
- Inform families about assistive listening devices, if appropriate for your child

### FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

#### Regulated Social Workers

- Discuss options for a primary communication language pathway in spoken or signed language for your child.
- Initiate a referral for language support services for your child.
- Coordinate a communications development plan (CDP) with IHP team members.
- Provide counselling support for caregivers regarding adjustment to a new diagnosis of hearing loss.
- Explore funding support opportunities.
- Share information about helpful programs and resources at ErinoakKids and within the community.

### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

#### Speech-Language Pathologists, Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Sign Language Consultants

- Assess your child's communication skills: spoken or signed language
- Help develop your child's speech, language, listening and early literacy skills through strategies such as parent education, guidance and coaching on listening and/or language facilitation techniques
- Educate parents on the effects of hearing loss on the development of communication
- Provide connections to community programs and other families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Support families with transition to daycare and/or school



Scan the QR code or visit, [erinoakkids.ca/ihp](https://erinoakkids.ca/ihp) to learn more about the Infant Hearing Program at ErinoakKids.