

# Your IHP Journey

## Infant Hearing Program Action Plan



Your child has been diagnosed with hearing loss and is referred to an audiologist.

### FIRST STEPS

- Your audiologist will explain the nature of the hearing loss and register your child with the Infant Hearing program.
- Your audiologist will initiate next steps for services that include:
  - Evaluation by an Ear Nose and Throat Doctor (ENT)
  - Referrals for signed and/or Spoken Language Development Services
  - Technology and assistive devices, if appropriate
  - Connection with an Infant Hearing Program (IHP) Family Support Worker
- Communication Development Plan is created.

### IN THREE MONTHS

- Get started with early intervention programs.
- Learn about spoken or sign language development services to support listening, speech, language and literacy, and community supports such as the Provincial Schools Resource Services Outreach Program.
- Learn about hearing aids and/or other technology that may help your child to hear and listen.
- Visit with the IHP Family Support Worker to learn about resources, available funding, support and counselling services.
- Attend appointments with Optometry and Genetics, as recommended.

### IN SIX MONTHS

- Continue regular visits with your audiologist and IHP Family Support Worker, as required/needed.
- Language Development Services are underway and updates are made to the Communication Development Plan with any new services or supports required.
- Participate in a Growing Little Listeners Group at EOK.
- Visit an EarlyON Child and Family Centre to or explore other opportunities to connect with families in your community.