

**PARENT PUPIL  
EDUCATION  
PROGRAM (PPEP)**

PPEP IS A FREE  
STATEWIDE  
OUTREACH PROGRAM  
PROVIDED BY  
THE LOUISIANA SCHOOL  
FOR THE  
DEAF FOR FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN  
WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF  
HEARING



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**LOUISIANA  
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# For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



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PROGRAM  
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FOR ALL CHILDREN,  
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS  
THE  
DAY THE CHILD IS BORN.



EARLY SERVICES FOR INFANTS  
AND YOUNG  
CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF AND  
HARD OF  
HEARING SHOULD BEGIN AS CLOSE  
TO  
BIRTH AS POSSIBLE.



EARLY SERVICES SHOULD BE  
FAMILY-CENTERED AND TAKE  
ADVANTAGE  
OF THE EARLIEST MONTHS AND  
YEARS OF  
LIFE FOR OPTIMAL LANGUAGE  
DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE SURE THE  
CHILD  
WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF  
HEARING IS  
DEVELOPING LANGUAGE ALONG  
WITH  
PEERS.

IN LOUISIANA, THE PARENT  
PUPIL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
IS THE  
**POINT OF ENTRY**  
INTO EARLY SERVICES FOR  
ANY CHILD WHO IS  
IDENTIFIED WITH A  
PERMANENT HEARING LOSS.



To meet the diverse needs of  
every family, PPEP Outreach  
Teachers provide unbiased  
information and support  
regarding:

- \* Implications of hearing loss
- \* Communication choices
- \* Development of communication skills
- \* Hearing aids, cochlear implants, and listening devices
- \* Stages of childhood development
- \* Services available in local area

## AVAILABLE SERVICES INCLUDE.....

- \*Visits by qualified teachers who specialize in the education of young children with hearing loss*
- \*Visits by a Deaf Mentor to enhance family communication by modeling and teaching sign language.*
- \* Ensuring referral to Early Steps, Louisiana's early intervention system*
- \* Teaming with families and caregivers to enhance natural interaction and communication with their child by modeling and teaching language learning through daily activities*
- \*Collaboration with other professionals to meet the needs of children with hearing loss and their families*
- \*Helping families assess and monitor their child's language development*
- \*Provide opportunities for parent-to-parent contact and networking*

