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BABY AND ME



Did you know? Hearts for Hearing offers a monthly group for babies (ages 0-2 years) and their families.

Baby & Me is led by a speech-language pathologist and a pediatric audiologist. The goal of Baby & Me is to provide families with helpful info on important topics related to babies and hearing loss. Baby & Me also provides a time of connection for caregivers of babies with hearing loss.



WHAT CAN I DO?

You can attend Baby & Me to learn about your baby and hearing loss.

You can also meet other families who have babies with hearing loss. Watch for messages on email and social media for the next meeting.

NEXT STEPS

You can tell your Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Specialist that you want to attend Baby & Me. Make sure we have your email and you will receive a monthly invite with more info.

LISTENING FOR LITTLES



Did you know? Hearts for Hearing offers a weekly caregiver-toddler group for two-year-olds.

Listening for Littles is a group that provides families with an introductory experience to a group listening environment. The group meets weekly and provides a language-rich environment where families connect with others whose lives have been touched by hearing loss. The caregiver also has the opportunity to learn and practice strategies for growing listening skills.

This program is team taught by an early childhood teacher, a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist, and a graduate intern in Speech-Language Pathology.

You can
tell your
Listening
and
Spoken



NEXT STEPS

Language (LSL) Specialist
that you are interested in
enrolling.



BRIDGES PRESCHOOL



Did you know? Bridges is a twice-a-week group therapy experience for three-year-olds that resembles a mainstream classroom.

In the Bridges classroom, children with hearing loss attend alongside children who do not have hearing loss. Auditory-verbal strategies, songs and fingerplays, and routines will help prepare your child for the transition to pre-k, as well as give an opportunity for modeling and practicing listening and language skills. Bridges is team-taught by an early childhood teacher, a listening and spoken language specialist and a graduate intern in Speech-Language Pathology.



NEXT STEPS

You can tell your Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) specialist that

you are interested in enrolling your child in Bridges. This will give your child a chance to learn in a group setting before the move into the regular preschool classroom.

HEAR-O GROUP



Did you know? The Hear-O Group meets every three months to provide school-age children with hearing loss the chance to meet, hang out, and have fun with other children with hearing loss.

This group is for children between the ages of 10-21 years old. The Hear-O group is led by two pediatric audiologists and a Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Specialist.



NEXT STEPS

You can let your audiologist and speech-language pathologist, know that your school-age child wants to attend the Hear-O Group. Make sure we have your email and you will receive a monthly invite with more info. Watch for messages on email and social media for the next meeting.

SUMMER CAMP



Did you know? Each summer, Hearts for Hearing hosts a week-long day camp in Oklahoma City and Tulsa for children entering kindergarten through middle school.

Summer camp offers a chance for children to be with friends who have hearing loss and provides enrichment for listening and spoken language. Older campers are a part of Crew, where they get leadership and mentoring opportunities. Many summer camp graduates return as volunteers. Lasting friendships are often built through the Hearts for Hearing Summer Camp.



NEXT STEPS

You can let your audiologist or LSL specialist know that you are interested in attending summer

camp. Watch for emails and messages on social media for more information about our annual summer camp.



PATIENT CARE THERAPIST



Did you know? Raising a child with hearing loss can add challenges to families – including stress, financial worries, anxiety and more. Hearts for Hearing has a Patient Care Therapist on staff to help in these difficult times.

Because we know raising a child with hearing loss can be challenging, we are here to support your family and your child's social & emotional development during their first three years of life and beyond. Maybe you're surprised by the diagnosis of hearing loss? Maybe you're struggling to understand your child's behavior? Or maybe you're looking for ways to keep your baby's hearing technology on? Our Patient Care Therapist is here to help! Her services can include counseling, assessments, parenting classes and connecting families with community resources. We encourage you to take advantage of this specialty service.



NEXT STEPS

Ask your Audiologist or LSL provider about connecting with the Patient Care Therapist soon. Or reach out

to our Patient Care Therapist directly at carrie.neff@heartsforhearing.org to schedule an appointment.



EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS



Did you know? As your child with hearing loss enters school, there are many ways schools can support your children with hearing loss to be the most successful in the classroom. Hearts for Hearing has Educational Consultants on staff to guide you through your child's academic journey.

Hearts for Hearing is committed to supporting families of children with hearing loss through their lifetime, including their academic careers. The position of Educational Consultant exists in both the OKC & Tulsa clinic and is filled by highly-qualified educators with experience in working with children on IEPs and 504s in the school system. Educational Consultations provide free consultations for families of children with hearing loss as they enter into school, maintaining services while in school, or transitioning out of school.

Please contact your child's LSL provider or Audiologist to schedule a consultation with one of our Educational Consultants anytime.



NEXT STEPS

Ask your Audiologist or LSL provider about connecting with one of Hearts for Hearing's Educational Consultants.

HEART TO HEART FAMILY NIGHTS



Did you know? Hearts for Hearing has partnered with the Oklahoma Family Network (OFN) to offer small group communities for families of children with hearing loss in our state.

Heart to Heart is a program for all families of children with hearing loss to connect with other families who are on the journey of raising a child with hearing loss. The goal of Heart to Heart is to connect families, build community, and create a safe space to share experiences regarding hearing loss. Within Heart to Heart, there are small groups coordinated by caregivers of children with hearing loss within the Hearts for Hearing community. We have small groups for children of varying ages that meet at a minimum of four times a year.

NEXT STEPS

Be on the lookout for a flyer around the clinic and on our closed Facebook page with more information. You can also ask your LSL specialist or audiologist for more info.



FACEBOOK GROUP



Did you know? Hearts for Hearing has a private Facebook group that is for caregivers of children with hearing loss.



This private Facebook is only for families who receive services from Hearts for Hearing. It is a place for families to connect with other families, share their hearing journey, and find resources. Families can also

participate in Heart to Heart events through the Livestream feature through this group. We reserve this page for immediate parents and guardians only.



Use the camera feature on your smartphone to go directly to our page to request to join!



Ask to join the page. You can find the link on our website under:

"Children"



"Support for Families"



You can also tell your LSL specialist or audiologist you would like to be to added. You will need to give your email address.