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GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™

***A free program
for families
with infants &
young children
who are deaf or
hard of hearing***

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VOICES™



Michigan Early Hearing Detection
and Intervention Program

How can Guide By Your Side™ help?

This program can help you:

- Meet another parent who has a deaf or hard of hearing child.
- Get information and resources on hearing loss.
- Connect with organizations that might be able to help, such as :
 - Early On.®
 - Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS).
 - Intermediate School Districts.
 - Michigan Hands & Voices.

Who are the Parent Guides?

Parent Guides:

- Have children of various ages who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Have been trained to provide unbiased support and information.
- Will keep all information about your child and family private.

What happens after I have signed up for a Parent Guide?

- First, a local Parent Guide will call you.
- Second, a Parent Guide will meet with your family to provide information and answer any questions you might have.

Guide By Your Side™

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Guide By Your Side™ was created to support families with infants and children with hearing loss.

What parents are saying

"When he was diagnosed, we wanted to get as much information as possible. We wanted to meet other families who had deaf or hard of hearing children and learn about their stories."

"I was excited to learn of all the resources that were available to me and my child."

"Hearing the Guide's personal story was helpful and inspiring."

"I would recommend this program because it is unbiased support."

"This program is the best resource because the Guide has a child with the same problem and understands our feelings and emotions... It was helpful to talk to someone who's 'been there.'"

"Having so many resources handed to you in such a great package is a huge time and energy saver."

"This program is very informative and much-needed. Thank you so much!"

"I feel more confident with my son and that he will have a bright future."

How can my family sign up for the Guide By Your Side Program?

Choose from the following options:

Tell your child's audiologist that you would like to meet with a Parent Guide. There you will sign forms that will allow your information to be shared with the Guide By Your Side Program. Your child's audiologist will contact the Guide By Your Side Program for you.

Mail the attached form in a stamped envelope to the address on the back.

OR

Fax the attached form to (517) 335-8036.

OR

For more information, call (517) 335-8955.

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My family would like to meet with a Parent Guide.

Name of Mother/Guardian: _____

Name of Child: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

County/School District: _____

Best time to be contacted: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Signature: _____

How did you hear about us? _____
