Agency collaboration: Working together to meet the needs of families

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BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
A North Carolina non-profit that has supported families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing since 1987
Who do we support?

- Families with children, birth to 22, who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Parents who are deaf or hard of hearing
- The professionals who serve these families
Learning objectives

- Learn how to collaborate with local agencies
- Learn how to accentuate different agency strengths
- Learn the importance of parent-to-parent support
BEGINNINGS + CARE Project Workshops for Families

Oberkotter Program Support Fall 2015
BEGINNINGS For Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
GOAL:
Gather families in urban and rural communities in North Carolina to experience the powerful impact of spending time with other families who are just like them and with role models who are just like their children.
BEGINNINGS and The CARE Project partnered to provide day retreats based on a model developed by The CARE Project
Informational seminars
Family-to-family bonding time
Breakout groups for
  • Moms
  • Dads
  • Children who are D/HH
  • Siblings
Social activities for all
THE NEED:

to reach more families
to meet families in their communities
at a time convenient to THEM
PROCESS

1. Identify locations
2. Coordinate dates and locations with The CARE Project
3. Utilize FamilyTrac to identify potential families
4. Invite families through mail, email and social media
5. Develop the schedule for the day
6. Arrange volunteers for childcare
7. Create an assessment tool
### Families Served by Parent Educator

For period: 6/1/2013 to 6/30/2016

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Families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing are invited to join

The BEGINNINGS + The CARE Project
Saturday Retreat for Families

Come join us for a fun day of learning, sharing, and playing! Parents and caregivers will learn about the journey of hearing loss while their children spend time with other children who have hearing loss and their siblings.

Saturday, February 27
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cedar Falls Baptist Church
6181 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

Free Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Registration by February 19 is required to attend. For more information and a registration form, please contact Johanna Lynch at jlynch@ncbegin.org or 919-909-5489. Interpreters will be available upon request.
East Carolina University

Pediatric Aural Rehabilitation Camp
Included
AuD graduate students
hearing technology representatives
Saturday Retreat Agenda

9:30 to 9:50 a.m. Welcome
  * Sign-in
  * Children go with volunteers
  * Parents meet in parent room

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  * Complete Poll Everywhere survey

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* Small group discussions

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When was your child's hearing loss identified?

- **Newborn hearing screening**: 79%
- **At a later time**: 21%

Respond at PollEv.com/johannalynch561

Text JOHANNALYNCH561 to 22333 once to join, then A or B
So what did we learn??
The presentations today have helped me have a better understanding of how hearing loss impacts our family?

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Would you like to meet with families again?

Response options

- Yes: 96%
- No: 4%
- Not sure: 0%

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42 | 100%
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Engagement: 42 Responses

beginnings.
90 Families ~ 91 Children D/HH ~ 61 Siblings
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Retreat Locations

County of Family Attending
The paths are different, the journey is the same
Resources are available

BEGINNNINGS
ncbegin.org

The CARE Project
thecareproject.com

Hearing First
hearingfirst.org
Come see us at Booth 33