



EHDI Field Trip to Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Located in the beautiful city of Colorado Springs, the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind consists of 17 buildings on 37 acres with an amazing view of Pikes Peak. Astonishingly, the campus dates to 1874, before Colorado was a state, and though the buildings have been remodeled, the history is preserved. Discover the integrated technology leading to improved student focus and success, and the scrolling banner system for equal communication access, all a part of the Deaf-friendly design.

Created just for the EHDI conference, this tour will include observations of three programs: Early Literacy, Family-Centered Early Education (FCEE) and Colorado Home Intervention Program (CHIP). First, join families, who have children, birth-5 years old, who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing, during an Early Literacy event, showcasing a story told using American Sign Language. Early literacy events provide experiences and strategies to promote language and literacy development that may include music, story time, crafts, structure play and parent interaction and education. The theme for this month is "Transportation".

Or second, choose to see the Family Centered Early Education (FCEE) Program, which provides services, education and support to children who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing, from birth-2nd grade. The focus is on developing a strong foundation of communication and language where American Sign Language and English are equally valued. Please view the YouTube link for more information. <https://youtu.be/k3EfgflxnVg?list=PL4V2VlXorHifRZ5DF2pjifU7tbopleTol>

Third, this is a golden opportunity for everyone to experience the highly-acclaimed CHIP program. CHIP, a statewide home-based early intervention program within Outreach Programs, is designed specifically to serve families with children, who are deaf or hard of hearing, newborn to age three.

At the heart of CHIP is the parent facilitator, a highly-trained professional with qualifications and core knowledge to assist family members in optimizing their child's development. Working with the family, the parent facilitator designs an individual program that fits both with the family's needs and the child's learning style. The parent facilitator helps family members develop techniques to encourage their child's communication development.

Children are referred to the program by pediatric audiologists through the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) process in Colorado and are eligible for services established by the Early Intervention Colorado eligibility criteria.

Fieldtrip Schedule:

Time	Activity	Notes
7:30 am	Depart Hyatt Regency	Did you know the inventor or the football huddle attended CSDB? Or that the students met Teddy Roosevelt? Mr. Tesla experimented with electricity next to the school. You won't believe what happened next!!! Meet in front of the hotel lobby for transportation to CSDB. On the bus, hear these stories and more.
9:30 am	Arrive CSDB	Check-in and orientation to campus
10:00 – 10:35 am	Observe Early Literacy Event OR Observe FCEE	Join in an Early Literacy event, including ASL Storytime, a favorite of families. Learn the language strategies behind the events. OR Join the CSDB kindergarten class. Observe collaborative teaching practices: ASL teacher, speech-language specialist, classroom teaching staff. See methods to address both spoken English and ASL. Understand the benefit of deaf-friendly design.
10:40 am – 11:20 am	Colorado Home Intervention Program (CHIP) Overview	Learn about the Colorado model as a family-centered program that provides a strong emphasis on parent education to foster family competence in understanding the components of facilitating linguistic competence for their child as well as the skills to provide direct and accessible communication with their child.
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch provided by CSDB with Q&A	CSDB administrators, teaching representatives and support service staff will be present for a lunch discussion.
12:15 pm	Depart CSDB for Hyatt Regency	Continue discussion with school staff on the ride back to Denver. Return to hotel by 2:00 PM.