Deaf Education

**Deaf Education initiatives:**

- Participation on statewide workgroups and committees
- Deaf Education professional network (regional DHH Roundtables)
- Best-practice classroom, curricular and technological resources

**Deaf Education services offered per request include:**

- Consultation with directors, teachers, school staff and families
- Case Conference participation
- Educational Audiology consultation and technical assistance
- Educational Interpreter consulting and technical assistance
- In-service training and professional development
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing program review and consultation

The following services are contractual agreements between the Center and the Local Education Agency (LEA):

- **Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing services:** Temporary consultative services using a teletherapy model. Center staff may also recommend alternative contractual services to meet individual student needs.

- **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Adult Involvement School-Age Mentor (SAM) services:** Direct services provided to students by Deaf or Hard of Hearing adults to increase students’ self-awareness, access, develop language, provide communication opportunities and self-advocacy strategies.

- **Listening and Spoken Language Specialist services:** Direct teletherapy services provided to students using a coaching model to help school professionals and families develop skills to teach students based on listening and spoken language strategies.

**Request Services:** Providers, specialists, public school administrators, and legal guardians may contact Deaf Education by contacting CDHHE@isdh.in.gov or by calling any of the following numbers: 855-875-5193 (toll free), 317-232-7349 (local) or 317-520-3301 (VP).

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