

## Who is eligible?

Children, ages birth - 2 years,  
11 months, with a confirmed  
hearing loss.



# Deaf Infant Program

# NYSSD



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regarding Deaf Infant Program

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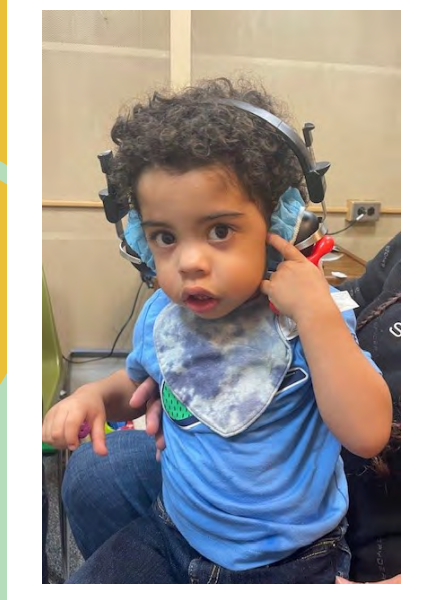
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## The New York State School for the Deaf offers Auditory Brain stem Response (ABR) testing.

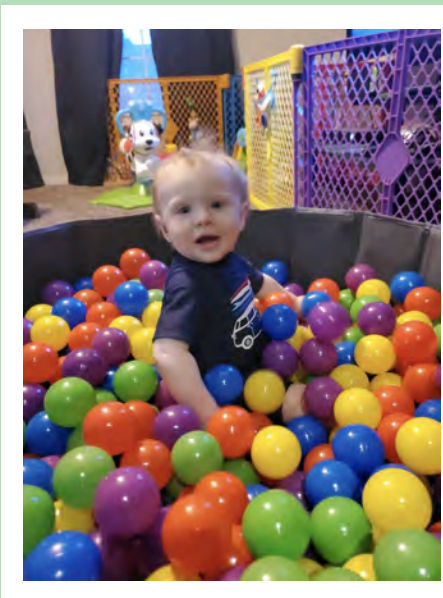
The *ABR* is a test that measures the auditory nerves response to sound. Electrodes are placed on the forehead and behind the ears, and inserts are inserted into the ear canals. A series of different frequencies, and levels of loudness are presented and the physiological response is recorded.

This test is especially useful for infants, and difficult to test populations, as it requires no response from the person being tested. It can be completed during nap time, or even while the child is sitting still and quiet. It is typically used as a follow up to referrals from a newborn hearing screening. Due to availability and wait times to obtain these follow up appointments, precious time is lost that is critical when determining the best communication mode and habilitation options for your child and family.

With the addition of this equipment at NYSSD, it will enable families to be tested earlier with less wait times and without the hassle of having to travel out of the area for testing.



**Our home-based program includes regular visits from a certified teacher of the deaf and/or special education teacher fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).**



The Deaf Infant Program (DIP) focuses on building language, communication, and foundational pre-academic skills to encourage school readiness. The program offers communication in spoken English and/or sign language.

The DIP also provides opportunities for consultations with NYSSD professionals who have vast knowledge of working with children with hearing loss in the following areas:

- Audiology
- Speech-language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

The DIP is a free program that offers parents strategies to support their children's overall development, information to make decisions regarding communication options, opportunities for families to connect with other families, and assistance navigating the processes involved in accessing available resources and preschool programs.

