



Invitation to participate in a research study for parents of 3, 4, and 5-year-old children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

We are interested in learning more about your perspective and experience in the information gathering and decision-making process in learning about the communication approaches used with deaf and hard of hearing children.

Who are we looking for? Parents or guardians who have a child that meets all of the following criteria:

- 3, 4, or 5 years old,
- identified as deaf or hard of hearing,
- received early intervention supports and services in Illinois for at least one year, and
- has exited the early intervention system within the past two years.

What does the study involve? You will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey to provide information about you and your child. The survey will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete. Upon completion of the survey, you will be given the option to participate in an individual interview with the researcher.

How do I start the survey or learn more? You can access the survey at

https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8AknZcQMFcaAdu

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