



## PROGRAM FACT SHEET

### **HOME VISITS**

A teacher of the deaf provides one on one instruction to the child and family using a formal curriculum and play therapy. They strive to meet agreed upon objectives in language, hearing and speech development.

### **PLAY GROUP**

Play Pals is a weekly play group offered throughout the year for toddlers and their parents. It is a fun time to get together for language and art activities, snack and story time. Parents have an opportunity to meet other parents and discuss concerns or ask questions in a thirty minute facilitated parent support group.

### **DEAF MENTOR PROGRAM**

A Deaf Mentor uses a formal curriculum to work on language with families in the home. The mentor program focuses on developing literacy skills in toddlers, American Sign Language, assistive technology in the home, and Deaf culture. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the deaf adult to share her experiences with the families.

### **SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Beginning sign language classes for parents, siblings, and extended family are offered free of charge. These classes focus on developing communication skills between the child and his family.

### **FAMILY DINNER WORKSHOPS**

Informal dinners for families provide an opportunity for participation in discussions with guest speakers or panels. Topics of interest to parents include child behavior, hearing aids, cochlear implants, advocacy and Deaf culture.

### **FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND**

Family Learning Weekend provides an opportunity for families to interact with other families who have children with hearing losses. This family experience focuses on issues of parenting, extended family, siblings, communication, and a variety of educational topics.

## **AUDITORY EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

Teachers utilize FM units and Tact Aid II Systems in the home for auditory training. Videotapes and books on a variety of topics are available for families to borrow. Hearing aids are also available for families who would like to try a specific type of aid or who are experiencing delays in obtaining personal aids.