Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Itinerant Services

Who We Are
The ESC-NEO Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Services provide students with the necessary skills and supports to become confident, independent individuals who will succeed in life. Learning is a multisensory process. Students with hearing loss lack access to auditory components of the curriculum. Teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing (TOD) have specialized training to support students with hearing loss to access the curriculum to participate in a collaborative partnership with educational teams (teachers, staff, families, interventionists, students and community members) to achieve educational goals.

Focus
ESC-NEO Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Services are provided to students with bilateral or unilateral mild to profound hearing loss ranging in ages 3-21. These services are provided in the setting where the student receives his/her education.

The teacher of the deaf is uniquely qualified to consult with educational teams and provide a continuum of services including specialized direct instruction, modifications, supports and accommodations in order to enable students who are deaf or hard of hearing to become successful students and communicators. A special emphasis is placed on the development of skills in the areas of spoken and written language, reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary development, auditory skill development and sign language as appropriate.

Our Team
The certified/licensed staff is comprised of educational audiologists and highly qualified teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing. Team members are trained in communication methodologies to support students in their learning environment. Team members are knowledgeable and experienced with amplification, cochlear implants, and the impact of a hearing loss on language, speech, and academic development. The ESC itinerant service providers work with the educational team in the best interest of students and families.

Services
- Modifications and/or accommodations of materials
- Coaching and consultation to support students in the learning environment
- Information on community activities/opportunities for D/HH students/families
- Instruction in sign language
- Self-advocacy skill development
- Transition planning
- Auditory training
- Hearing aid orientation
- Preparation and support of assistive listening devices
- Collaboration with educational audiologists
- Consultation in the understanding of hearing loss for students, families, and school personnel