8 Reasons to say **YES to Early Intervention** for your child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH)  
...What are you waiting for?

1. *Early Intervention is worth the time.*
   Early Intervention (EI) will help you incorporate language development and needed supports for your child into your daily routines. Research shows early involvement can help your child avoid language delays. Starting EI now will help you and your child on the path to further success.

2. **We are in this together.**
   Feeling overwhelmed or isolated? Professionals and other parents of DHH kids can share this journey with you and support you. A whole community is ready to embrace you. Hearing other families' experiences can help you think ahead through your own journey.

3. **Early Involvement will help your other family members.**
   As you understand your own child's needs through EI, your child's siblings, extended family, friends and neighbors can learn to better communicate with and include your child. If your circle of support is small, EI helps build a larger circle to surround your family.

4. **There is more to this than just 'google it.'**
   With a seemingly endless world of resources, articles, videos, online support, podcasts and more, where is the *wisdom*? A personal connection to EI providers can help you process the information available at your fingertips with what you know and can try with your own child.

5. **Facing your fears will bring freedom.**
   You may feel like you don't know anything about what being D/HH might mean for your child. You may not see your family as part of this world. A "new normal" can be a life of joy, and better than imagined.

6. **You will ask better questions.**
   You don't know what you don't know. EI support helps you learn important questions to ask and how to find answers in what works for your child. You will be able to answer the questions most pressing to your child's needs.
8. **You will gain confidence that you are your child's best advocate.**

You will become your child's best advocate in the school years by learning about deafness, language, and development through EI. Your advocacy will light the path for your child's success.

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**Start Early Intervention Today**

1-800-EarlyOn
www.1800earlyon.org

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**Early On® is the name for Michigan's Early Intervention program:**

- Free service
- Helps families of infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, who have developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to certain health conditions.
- Hearing loss/deafness is a qualifying condition.

**How to Start:**

1. Complete online referral form.
2. They will meet with you and your child.
3. They will learn about your child and make a plan.
4. They will make sure the right services are delivered.

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**Chat with another PARENT about Early Intervention**

Call 248-845-8762
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*Early Intervention is the term used to describe the services and supports that are available to babies and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. In Michigan, the program is called Early On.*