

Getting the Support You Need



There are many services available to help you in this journey, but sometimes it is difficult to find the services. We hope that this list will assist you in discovering the services that will meet your needs!

Start lining up services. If your child will be in need of early intervention or special education services, don't wait to make the first phone calls to set that in motion. It can take months to get the first appointments and evaluations scheduled and completed, and you won't want to add more time to that by dragging your feet. Contact your state's early intervention office or your school district as soon as those services are recommended, and start gathering the reports and information you're going to need once the process begins.

Checklist of Services as you start the journey:

- Find a Pediatrician** that is comfortable with children who experience Deafblindness, including children with additional disabilities.
- Find a Pediatric Eye Doctor.** Two examples are:
 - The Casey Eye Institute:
<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/health/services/casey-eye/index.cfm> ;
 - The Casey Eye Institute - Elks Children's Eye Clinic:
<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/health/services/casey-eye/clinical-services/general-eye-care/elks-childrens-eye/index.cfm>
- Find a Pediatric Audiologist**
Hint: In your searches, you could use a site such as Angie's List where you will find not just a listing, but customer reviews of each person listed:
<https://my.angieslist.com/Angieslist/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fangieslist%2fMyAngie%2f>
- Contact the Oregon DeafBlind Project**
Jan Hearing, Director
The Research Institute
Western Oregon University
345 N. Monmouth Ave
Monmouth, OR 97361
[\(503\) 838-8328](tel:(503)838-8328)
hearingj@wou.edu

❑ **Contact a Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC)**

The Child Development and Rehabilitation Center's clinics use a family-centered, interdisciplinary approach to care. Staff specializes in diagnosis, assessment, and intervention related to disorders affecting development. Depending on the child, services range from a single discipline consultation to a full team evaluation. Services are coordinated through The **Oregon Health & Science University – Child Development & Rehabilitation Center (CDRD)**

CDRC has clinical programs throughout the State of Oregon, most CDRC services today are provided at the clinic area within Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, or at the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

<http://www.ohsu.edu/cdrc/>

CDRC Portland

CDRC clinics operate on the 7th floor of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/health/child-development-and-rehabilitation-center/clinics-and-programs/cdrc-portland-programs/index.cfm>

700 SW Campus Drive

Portland, OR 97239

503 494-8362

503 346-0640 or Toll-free 877 346-0640

CDRC Eugene: Eugene-based faculty and clinical staff provide clinical services at various sites in central and southern Oregon.

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/health/child-development-and-rehabilitation-center/clinics-and-programs/cdrc-eugene-programs/index.cfm>

University of Oregon Campus

901 E.18th Avenue

Eugene, OR 97403

(541) 346-3575 (Eugene)

(800) 637-0700 (Eugene)

❑ **Contact your local Education Service District (ESD)** For a list of Oregon ESD's, go to: <http://www.osba.org/edlinks/esds.asp>

Tell them you would like to have your child evaluated. Be sure to let them know that your child has a vision and hearing loss. It is their job to evaluate your child. If your child meets eligibility requirements, the ESD will provide specialized service and intervention. If your child is eligible for services through an Education Service District, you and your child will likely be working with several persons, including an Audiologist, a Vision Specialist and a Hearing Specialist

You may also want to find out more about Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) services.

EI/ECSE Central Directory: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3583>

EI/ECSE Contractor Contact Map and "Who Can I Call to Refer My Child for Services: (in English and Spanish): <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=252>

❑ Contact Developmental Disability Services

Community Developmental Disabilities Programs may offer a variety of supports and assistance for families of children with developmental disabilities who are living at home. The unique needs of families who care for a child with developmental disabilities (DD) are addressed through the development of individual plans.

For children with intensive behavior or medical needs and who are living at home, highly individualized services may be provided through the State's "[Children's Intensive In-Home Services](#)". Be sure to ask your DD caseworker about Children's Intensive In Home Services (CIIS). This is a program that assists families in keeping their children at home. The program helps provide healthcare; equipment not covered by insurance; supplies such as wipes, laundry detergent and hand soap; communication devices. It should be noted that the Children's Intensive In Home Services has at least a 2-year waiting list, so ask your DD caseworker early on to get your child on the list for an evaluation!

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/children/in-home.aspx>

Department of Human Services
Seniors and People with Disabilities
500 Summer Street NE E02
Salem, OR 97301-1073

Phone: 503-945-5811

Phone: 800-282-8096

TTY: 800-282-8096

❑ Get to know the terminology used in Special Education

<http://nichcy.org/schoolage/keyterms>

<http://nichcy.org/?s=IFSP&st=1>

❑ **Communication Matrix:** The Communication Matrix is a free online tool to assess your child's functional communication. This will assist you in understanding which mode of communication will best help your child to learn.

<http://communicationmatrix.org/default.aspx>

