YES

Is child suspected of having a communication disorder, hearing impairment or autism?

Level 1: Informal Screening

Informal screen using EI/ECSE hearing screening checklist, review of medical reports, informal observations by EI/ECSE staff.

Is child suspected of having a communication concern, developmental delay or autism?

Are these concerns?

Is the child suspected of having a hearing loss?

Level 2: Formal Screening

An audiologist screens hearing of children birth to 3 years old. A qualified speech/language specialist or a teacher of hearing impaired (designated by an audiologist) or an audiologist screens hearing of children age 3 to 5. Hearing screen involves parent on testing and may involve tympanometry.

Initial concerns are validated.

Level 3: Audiological Exam

Age appropriate Audiological evaluation including impedance audiometry.

Screening Completed:

A “pass” screening or a normal Audiological evaluation does not rule out progressive hearing loss or delayed onset hearing loss. If any indicators are present, the child should be re-screened or reevaluated as long as concerns are present.

Are the results conclusive?

Audiologist provides further assessments (Auditory Brainstem Response Otoacoustic Emissions, etc.)

EI/ECSE specialist refers to regional program if evaluation indicates there is a hearing problem which may require individualized instruction and related services.

Are the results conclusive?

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

NO

NO

NO

NO

NO

NO