

Components of an Effective Early Intervention Program: The Colorado Model

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When a young child is identified with a hearing loss, the family is faced with numerous challenges and often confronted with advice from multiple sources. Effective family-centered intervention begins with the understanding that supporting the development of the child is dependent on understanding and supporting the family. Families are not only partners in the intervention, they are the primary decision makers in their child's life. Professionals develop relationships with families, supporting each family's strengths, in order to support the child's development and language acquisition.

This session will consist of two parts. The morning session will focus on the components of the Colorado Home Intervention Program (CHIP) that have proven to be effective in delivering a family-centered approach. Elements that will be considered are principles of family-centered intervention, establishing effective teams, partnering with families, recognizing family structure, setting appropriate goals, and the role of assessment. The afternoon will focus on specific strategies to implement in a family-centered approach to support the goals of the family and positive outcomes for the child, including supporting auditory skill development and facilitating communication development.