

The P.L.E.S. Vision

The philosophy of P.I.E.S. is to provide early intervention which leads to greater language acquisition in the formative years of development. Studies have shown that the significant growth in language occurs in children between ages of birth to 36 months.

P.I.E.S. Staff provides families with information on communication options, audition, amplification, and general development. In addition, P.I.E.S. staff assists families in making decisions that will work best meeting their needs. The P.I.E.S. Team provides family information on:

- American Sign Language
- Auditory Habilitation/Rehabilitation
- Speech and Language Development
- Amplification
- **Cochlear Implants**
- **Developmental Milestones**

For information on Regional P.I.E.S. Program, Please contact Orange County Department of Education (714) 966-4142



The **Parent/Infant Education** and Support Program (for Infants/Toddlers with Hearing Loss)



Family

Support

Fun





Learning

Communication

Language

Play

Listening

Teaming

Infants

Toddlers

The Parent/Infant Education and Support Program (P.I.E.S.)

P.I.E.S., a regionalized program developed in cooperation with Orange County SELPAs, is designed to serve children with a diagnosed hearing loss from birth to age 36 months.

- Personalized programs designed to meet needs of infants, toddlers and their families over time
- Philosophy based on positive relationship between families and professionals
- Individualized programs developed using play-based assessments, parental input and teacher observation.
- Family support and instruction provided by a credentialed Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- Team approach for transition from early intervention to preschool



Support Services

The P.I.E.S. Program team provides quality developmental education, support and resources with a family focus to empower parents to make informed decisions for their child.



Additional services may also be provided through the school district or regional center. These might include:

- Audiologist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Psychologist
- Translation Services

It is important to remember that parents are their child's first and best educator and advocate.

The Components of P.I.E.S.

The P.I.E.S. Program offers coaching to parents and caregivers to develop their child's listening and language skills through everyday life experiences.

- Individual visits in the home
- Monthly parent classes addressing a variety of topics
- Opportunities for social interactions and learning during center based groups for all ages
- Developmentally appropriate programming of center based groups
- Support from participation in community settings
- Assessment team and family meetings to develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Educational Materials

