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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

From: Kathleen Ehling, Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services

Assessment Guide and Parent Resource Guide for Children Birth to Five Years Old Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

As directed by [P.L. 2019, Chapter 205](#), a working group on deaf education was organized to examine, research, and make recommendations related to the early linguistic development of children from birth to 5 years of age who are deaf or hard of hearing. Two documents were created: an assessment guide focused on the language and literacy development of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and a parent resource guide that includes a checklist of language developmental milestones among other resources. These documents, as well as a report on the working group process, can be found on the New Jersey Department of Education's "Resources for Students with Hearing Loss or Deaf-Blindness" [webpage](#).

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