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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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