

Small Steps taken with great care...

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind's SMALL STEPS program offers free, comprehensive services to children who are Deaf/ Hard-of-Hearing, Blind/Low Vision, or DeafBlind. Our professional team works collaboratively with families, health care providers service providers, Part C programs and providers, as well as with pre-school programs in order to implement effective and comprehensive services for young children in Virginia.



Small Steps taken side by side...



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SMALL STEPS:

A Parent-Infant
Education Program for
Families Raising
Children who are Deaf,
Hard-of-Hearing,
Blind, Low Vision and
DeafBlind



*...honoring the small
steps that promote
happy families...*

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*Small Steps...
a program offering support
to children, their parents
and families.*



The VSDB's **Small Steps** Program provides information, education, and support services to families with children in the birth to three age range who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing, Blind or Low Vision, or DeafBlind. We aim to connect young children and their families to early intervention providers who are knowledgeable regarding the range of needs, challenges, communication options, and various pathways to success. We are committed to presenting options in non-biased ways in order to promote and encourage parental choice. We also offer opportunities for family networking and socialization with other families who may share similar experiences.

Staff members, certified to provide early intervention, coordinate services with Infant Toddler Connection agencies through the Part C system.

Services Offered:

- * **Exploration of all communication modalities in a non-biased manner**
- * **Professional consultations regarding deafness, blindness, deaf-blindness, hearing development, language acquisition, child development, and developmental delays**
- * **Home-based services through the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)**
- * **Comprehensive Audiological diagnostic and evaluation services**
- * **Exploration of amplification methods including: hearing aids, cochlear implants, and Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT)**
- * **Monitoring children with a family history of hearing loss or middle ear pathology**
- * **Transition planning from early intervention to school-based services**
- * **Opportunities for family networking and socialization**
- * **American Sign Language Classes**

Staff:

Our program is staffed by these dedicated and experienced early intervention professionals:

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