

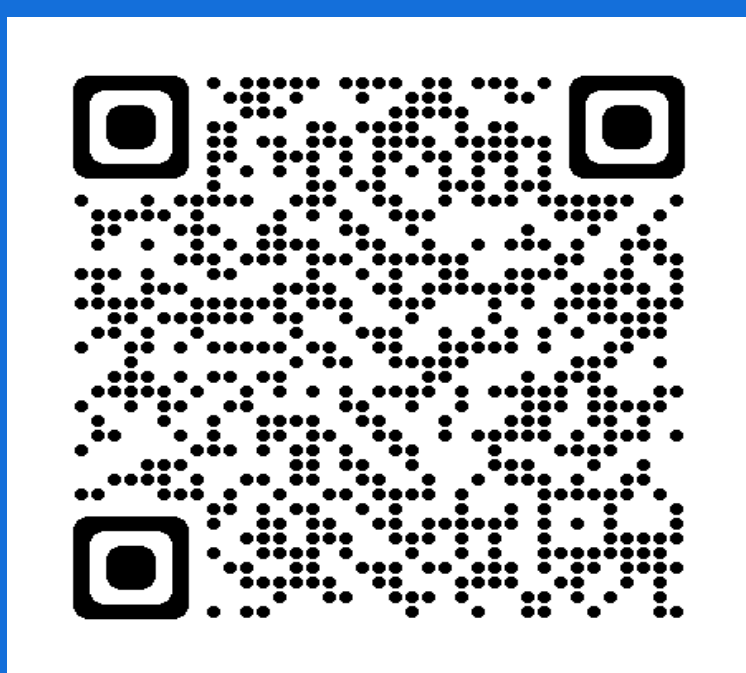
# Developmental Interventionists (DI) - Teachers of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing (TDHH/TOD)

## SNIPPETS

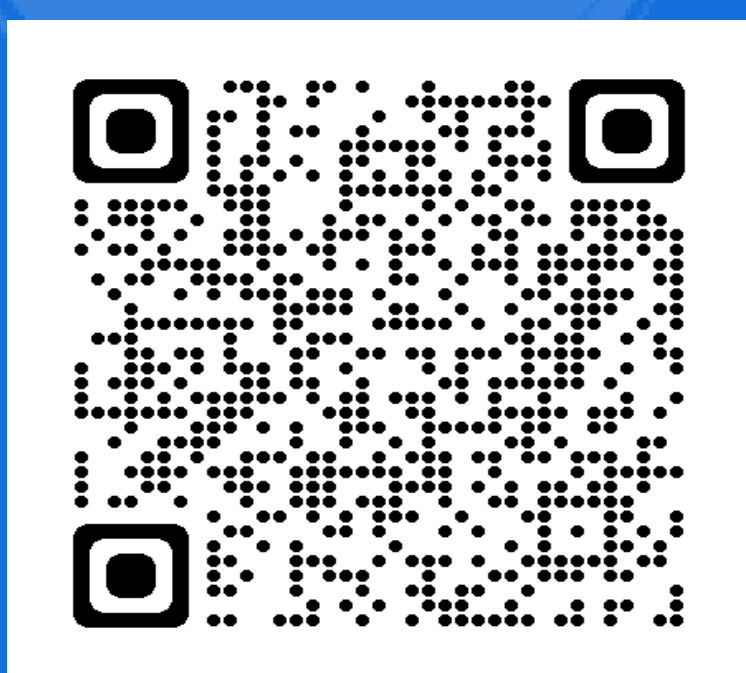
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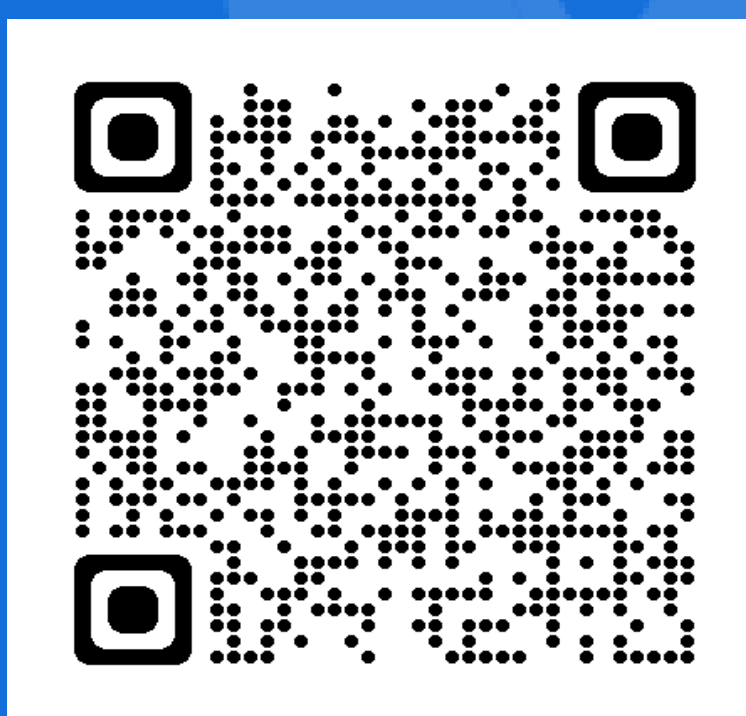
Kentucky Early Intervention Services (KEIS)  
(<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/fsenrollment.aspx>)



Hearing First - Questions and Answers You  
May Have About Your Baby  
([www.hearingfirst.org](http://www.hearingfirst.org))



Education Materials For Deaf Students -  
Supporting Success for Children with  
Hearing Loss  
([successforkidswithhearingloss.com](http://successforkidswithhearingloss.com))



Choosing Communication  
Approach ([babyhearing.org](http://babyhearing.org))

- DI/TDHH stands for Developmental Interventionist – Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. A DI/TDHH has a college degree in education for the deaf/hard of hearing, holds a professional educator license in the state of Kentucky, and has met the requirement to be a credentialed Early Intervention Provider.
- A DI/TDHH can provide specialized developmental therapy, hearing services, and aural rehabilitation.
- DI/TDHH's are knowledgeable about the different communication modes used by children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families. They are responsible for providing objective, unbiased information about each communication mode. Some DI/TDHH may specialize in one communication mode over another. Each family should have a DI/TDHH that can support them in the communication mode of their choice.
- Children who are deaf/hard of hearing may struggle to develop their listening and language skills. A DI/TDHH can coach families on how to grow these skills through their daily routines and with the toys and resources that they have at home.
- DI/TDHH are knowledgeable about a variety of hearing devices and can help parents learn how to troubleshoot the devices and to get their child to keep the devices on.
- A child diagnosed with hearing loss is eligible for an initial evaluation for services with a DI/TDHH. The evaluation will determine if a child qualifies for services and when they can start.
- A baby who is born with hearing loss could begin receiving services from a DI/TDHH when they are as young as 2 or 3 months old. They can work with your child and your family through EI until your child is 3 years old.
- The DI/TDHH focuses on communication/sound input. Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP) are more focused on the output of communication. The DI/TDHH focus on input using whatever the chosen communication method is. They help families and babies learn to listen, noticing sounds, being mindful with listening, reducing extra background noise, etc.
- DI/TDHH help families decide what they need to do to get to the next phase of communication and can connect them with resources and supports.
- DI/TDHH are able to meet parents on a personal level and it is led by the child and families' unique needs from the start.