Beyond Implantation: Parental and Student Engagement from Birth to Graduation in the Public Schools
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Disclosure

- The speakers have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.
Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania

- Highly skilled providers of direct instruction and operational services to school districts, charter schools and over 2,400 nonpublic and private schools
- 29 IUs in the state
- DCIU is located in suburban Philadelphia and serves 15 school districts
Delaware County Intermediate Unit

• Adult Education and Services
• Community and Parent Services
• Business Services and Joint Purchasing
• Teaching, Learning and Innovation
• Early Childhood Education

• Special Education
• Career and Technical Education
• Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning
• Supplemental Education Services
• Information Technology
DCIU Special Programs

Hearing and Language Department

- Infant-Toddler Program
- Early Intervention
- Classrooms
- Itinerant Support
  - public
  - private

- Audiology
  - Diagnostics
  - Loaner Equipment
  - Consulting
  - Auditory Processing Evaluations

- Language Department
  - Diagnostic Program
  - Classrooms
Infant / Toddler / Preschool

- Home visitations
- Toddler group
- Support during medical and audiological visits
- Preschool / day care visitations
- Family picnic
Elementary

- Social activities
- Read-Aloud
- Informational product meetings
- Brown-bag lunch groups
- Parent information sessions
Special Populations

- Collaboration with outside educational facilities
- Facilitate parent to parent support on a local level
Secondary

- Social activities
- Graduate parent night
- Collaboration with OVR
- Alumni support groups
- Recognition Night
Parental Engagement

• Staff recognized a need for continued outreach at this stage in a child’s education.

• Created a survey to determine areas of need related to transitioning to post-secondary education, vocational training or the workforce.
What is your comfort level with audiological services once your child leaves high school?
How well do you and your child understand the services that are available after high school graduation?

- Very Knowledgeable: 39
- Somewhat Knowledgeable: 22
- Little Knowledge: 14
- No Clue: 25
We have discussed and made a plan for obtaining hearing services and technology as an adult.
Transition Information Night

- Evening meeting open to all high school age students and their families
- Invited speakers:
  - Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Coordinator from the Office of Student Disability Resources from Penn State Brandywine
  - Parents of former graduates
  - Clinical Audiologists
  - Product Representatives
  - Guidance Counselors
  - IU Hearing Department Staff
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