Effective Itinerant Services
For Students who are
Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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Liaison
Curriculum Specialist
Consultant
Expert
Relationship Builder
Advocate

Itinerant Teacher of Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Collaborator
Juggler
Presentation
Crisis Worker
“Social Worker”
Communicator
Public Relations Expert
The reality of a pre-K-22 Deaf Education has changed dramatically over the past 30 years!

30 years ago
• Deaf and hard of hearing children were usually educated in separate schools or programs

2016
• A large majority of DHH students are receiving their education in mainstream schools
• A large number of students are receiving their education in regular classes
• A large number of students are using listening and spoken language due to advances in technology
• Often involved with students with CAPD and those with additional disabilities
• More 504 plans than ever

Survey re: What are the Roles and Responsibilities of a Hearing Itinerant Teacher?

• Data collected through surveys of practicing teachers
• Questions focused on:
  • What tasks teachers perform most often in their jobs
  • Where the teachers learned these tasks
  • Would they be interested in continuing education for a particular task


Results of the Survey Indicated…….
Current critical issues of DHH students

Trends

SECONDARY DISABLING CONDITIONS

Close to 50% of students with a hearing loss have an additional disability
Educational Planning Shift is Necessary!

Teachers of deaf / hard of hearing need to redefine the framework of their occupation

Roles of the Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
PERSONNEL STANDARDS

Direct Service Personnel For Students Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing

• Endorsed in Deaf and Hard of Hearing
• Licensed Supervisor/Coordinator
• Licensed Teacher
• Districts and Cooperatives required to employ supervisor with deaf and hard of hearing credentials
• Educational Interpreters
• Interveners

New and Old Challenges

Evolving Reality of Hearing Itinerant Duties