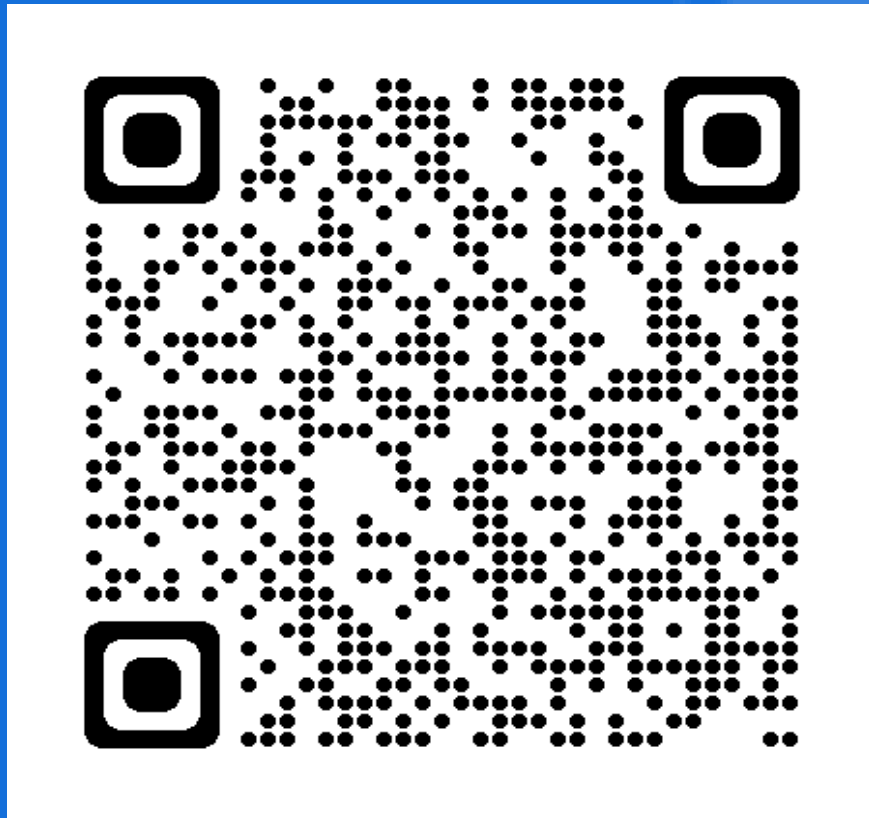


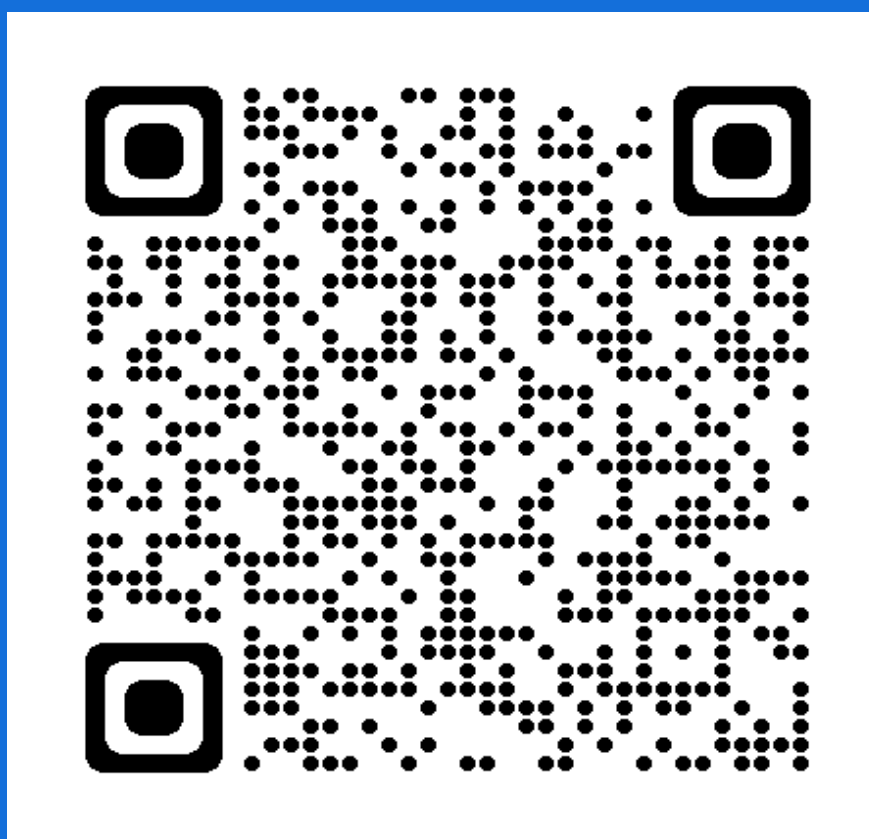
Navigating Early Intervention (EI) for your D/HH Child in KY

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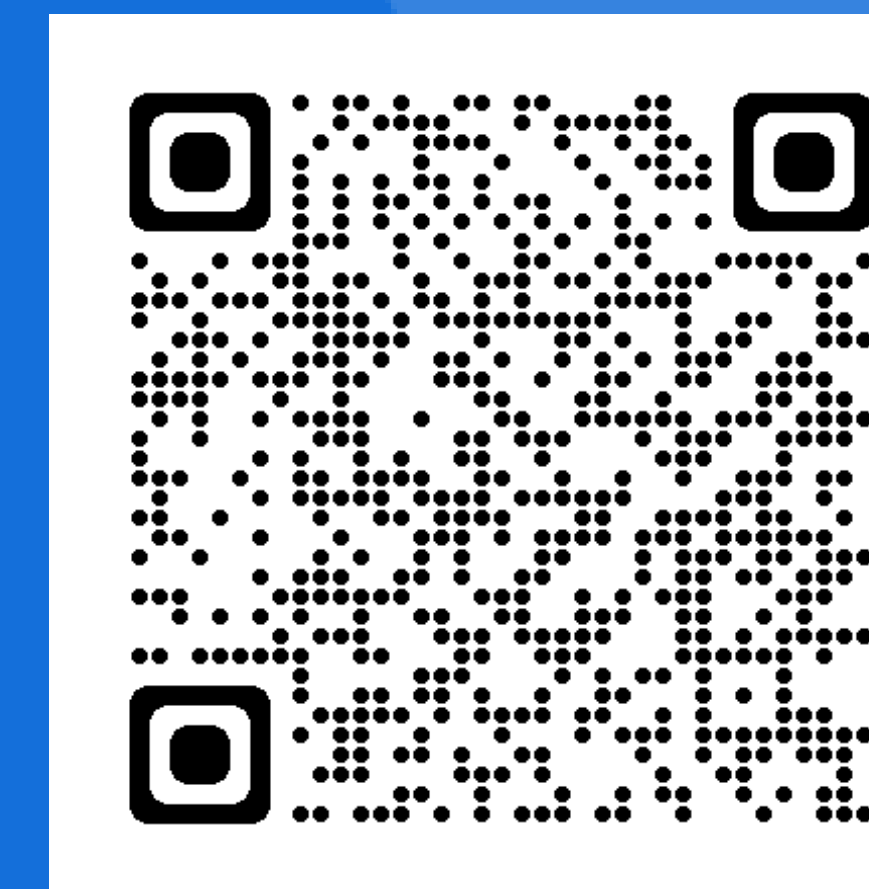
[Kentucky Early Intervention System \(KEIS\) \(ky.gov\)](https://www.keis.ky.gov)



[Find My Point of Entry \(POE\) \(ky.gov\)](https://www.ky.gov)



[Getting Started with Early Intervention \(EI\) \(babyhearing.org\)](https://www.babyhearing.org)



[More about Early Intervention \(EI\) \(infanthearing.org\)](https://www.infanthearing.org)

What does Early Intervention (EI) in Kentucky look like for children who are deaf/hard of hearing?

- EI helps eligible babies and toddlers from birth to three years old with disabilities, delays and qualifying diagnoses to learn and grow.
- For children with hearing loss, they can receive EI services **before** they are old enough to speak. It is important to be enrolled in these services as soon as possible after diagnosis, even if they are an infant.
- Enrollment in EI between 0-6 months of age is ideal for babies with hearing loss to prevent delays in communication development.
- A medical professional may refer a family to EI, or a family can contact their local Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS) office directly to request an evaluation.
- There are 15 KEIS offices in the state of Kentucky, and each has a name based on location and counties included in the point of entry (POE).

Once you call your local KEIS office or they receive your referral, you will be assigned a service coordinator who will meet with you to talk about your concerns for your child.

- After the intake meeting with the service coordinator, the team will complete an evaluation and assessment of your child's development with your consent.
- After determining eligibility, the EI team (which includes the parents) will determine which services are needed for each child and how often. Then they determine which professional will coach the family in implementing the strategies.
- Some families may have to pay a portion of the costs. Cost of services depends on family size and income. Families with both a Family Share participation fee and private health insurance may choose to waive the Family Share participation fee as long as the consent for insurance is active.
- Many children who are deaf/hard of hearing receive developmental therapy-hearing services and/or speech therapy.