## S.C. Resources (Mostly DHH-Specific)

<u>BabyNet</u> – The single point of entry for families birth-3 whose child has, or is suspected of having, a delay. Please call toll-free 1-800-868-0404.

<u>Carter Hears</u> – An educational consulting group that focuses on children with hearing loss by supporting families & professionals with customized service.

<u>Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)</u> – If your child is between the ages of 3 and 6 and meets the screening criteria, he/she might be eligible for additional early intervention and/or speech-language therapy.

Please call toll-free 1-800-289-7012.

Early Childhood Deaf or Hard of Hearing Virtual Library – The SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services (OSES), provides support for students, families, educators, and administrators. The Early Childhood Deaf or Hard of Hearing (ECDHH) Virtual Library serves to provide resources about serving young children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families.

<u>Family Connection</u> – State-wide family support network

<u>First Sound</u> – SC's Newborn Hearing Screening program at DHEC

<u>Let SC Hear</u> – Let South Carolina Hear advocates for new legislation to require health insurance companies in SC to cover the cost of medically-necessary hearing aids for children.

<u>SC AG Bell</u> – The SC chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. SC AG Bell is a non-profit working to empower parents, adults, professionals, and other S.C. persons who have hearing loss.

SC Association of the Deaf (SCAD) – SC affiliate of the National Association of the Deaf, which advocates and informs people impacted by hearing loss.

SC Hands & Voices – There is no replacement for the support of another parent that has experienced life with a deaf or hard of hearing child.

Early Intervention Services-SC School for the Deaf and the Blind –

Statewide Early Intervention Services provides family-centered assistance for children, ages birth through 5, who are deaf, blind, or sensory multi-disabled. Together with parents, we strive to help each child reach maximum pre-school potential and to be ready for elementary school.

Statewide DHH Education Support from the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind- "Through contracts with local school districts, our Statewide Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education Program strives to meet the needs of students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Our team works with local special education directors, teachers, and medical professionals to ensure that students reach their maximum potential."

<u>SC Vocational Rehabilitation</u> – Through school-to-work transition services, SCVR prepares and assists eligible high school students with a hearing loss who are thinking about their future and are looking for assistance to succeed in the job market after graduation

<u>Described and Captioned Media Program</u> – An online lending library of captioned materials, described materials for people with vision loss, and sign language media to learn to sign, practice skills or increase your deaf child's vocabulary.

## **National Resources:**

<u>ACI Alliance</u> –The American Cochlear Implant Alliance is a not-for-profit membership organization created with the purpose of eliminating barriers to cochlear implantation by sponsoring research, driving heightened awareness and advocating for improved access to cochlear implants for patients of all ages across the US.

AG Bell – Works globally to ensure that people who are deaf and hard of hearing can hear and talk.

<u>American Society for Deaf Children</u> – The premier source of information for people who must make decisions about deaf children: parents, families, providers, educators, legislators, and advocates.

<u>Hands and Voices</u> – A national model for parent-to-parent support between parents with children that have a hearing loss

National Association of the Deaf – The nation's premier civil rights organization of, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America.

<u>National Cued Speech Association</u> – The NCSA supports a community of cuers who have come together to promote language accessibility through Cued Speech.

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Gallaudet Clerc Center - https://gallaudet.edu/clerc-center/