

# Language Assessment Program-Deaf/Hard of Hearing

## Parents' Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the language assessment program for deaf/hard of hearing children (LAP-DHH)?**

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-5397e, a language assessment program was established to assess, monitor, and track the language developmental milestones of each child who is deaf or hard of hearing from birth through age eight in Kansas. As part of the program, an annual language assessment shall be provided for each of these children for the purpose of achieving age-appropriate language development and providing data-driven interventions. The language assessment includes the use of various evaluations in the areas of receptive, expressive, and social language. The assessments will evaluate ASL and/or English based on your child's needs.

### **How will the assessments be done?**

After receiving your permission, a specialist from the LAP-DHH program will come to your child's school and/or the home to do the assessments in your child's preferred language. These assessments will be done in collaboration with you and your child's team. The LAP-DHH specialist will meet with you to go over the results and provide you with a written report explaining assessment results.

### **Who does the assessments?**

The Kansas School for the Deaf will secure and train the LAP-DHH specialists who will be conducting the assessments. All LAP-DHH specialists must meet certain qualifications and go through training in order to be eligible to give the assessments.

### **What is the cost?**

At this time, there will be no costs to the family, tiny-k program, or school district.

### **When will my child be assessed?**

A LAP-DHH specialist will be evaluating your child in his/her program/school every six months either through formal assessments or progress monitoring. Your specialist will share the testing protocol and timeline with you.

### **What happens with the results?**

Specific assessment results will be shared with you and your child's staff. Aggregated (combined) results of all deaf/hard of hearing children birth through age eight will be shared with the Kansas State Legislature.

### **Is this program just for children who are receiving special education services?**

No, this program is for *any* child who is deaf/hard of hearing birth through age eight regardless of whether they have an IFSP, IEP, or 504 plan.

If you have further questions, feel free to ask your LAP-DHH specialist or contact Angie Walker, Lap-DHH Coordinator at [awalker@kssdb.org](mailto:awalker@kssdb.org).



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*The limits of my language are the limits of my world.*

*~Ludwig Wittgenstein*

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