

The Prerequisites for the Auditory-Verbal Approach

The auditory-verbal approach emphasizes six important steps for developing each child's maximum potential in communication:

- 1) Early identification of hearing loss.
- 2) Early fitting of appropriate amplification; i.e. hearing aids or cochlear implant.
- 3) Emphasis on "learning to listen." A child who is hearing impaired will not develop the ability to listen without continuous repetition and reinforcement.
- 4) Regular therapy sessions with certified auditory-verbal professionals.
- 5) Mainstreaming in education. The child who is hearing impaired attends classes with children who have normal hearing.
- 6) Total family participation in the learning process.