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- **CFC (Child Family Connections):** Regional intake agency for children birth to 3 and their families to enter Illinois Early Intervention (EI).
- **CHS (Chicago Hearing Society):** Provides adult role models, tutors, sign language instruction, early literacy programming and family events.
- **COD (Center of Deafness):** Provides education, vocational, and residential services for those who are deaf and hard of hearing (d/hh).
- **EHDI (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention):** Provides oversight of state screening, diagnostic testing, and referrals to early intervention support for children who are d/hh and their families.
- **EI (Early Intervention):** Provides support and services for families to help their children birth-3 meet developmental milestones.
- **IAD (Illinois Association for the Deaf):** Civil rights organization of, by, and for people who are d/hh.
- **IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act):** A law that makes free appropriate public education available to eligible children with disabilities.
- **IDHHC (Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission):** Promotes education and awareness of the legal requirements for effective communication on behalf of people with hearing loss.
- **IDLA (Illinois Deaf Latino Association):** Promotes leadership, education, network, and preservation of the right and quality of life for Latinos who are d/hh.
- **IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health):** Promotes health equity, prevents and protects against disease and injury, and prepares for health emergencies.
- **ILHV (Illinois Hands & Voices):** Organization of parents offering unbiased support to families with children who are d/hh.
 - **GBYS (Guide By Your Side):** Program with ILHV, where trained parents of children who are d/hh help families develop knowledge and confidence while accessing resources for their children.
- **ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf):** A school designed to have a supportive and safe environment so their students can achieve holistic growth and success.
- **ISRC (Illinois Service Resource Center):** Provides behavior support for students who are d/hh, blind, or visually impaired.
- **JCIH (Joint Committee on Infant Hearing):** A committee dedicated to overcoming barriers to early identification, intervention, and follow-up care of infants and young children with hearing loss.