

“We are so thankful that we started working with Georgia PINES on listening skill development and receptive language as early as 4 months it has given our daughter everyday communication skills, but has also given us the confidence we lacked in the very beginning.”

Parents of Isabella
Kennesaw, GA



“If not for Georgia PINES and the Deaf Mentor Project we hate to think how far behind we would be trying to learn sign language out of a book and watching video tapes, both of which are good resources but neither compare to having a signing Deaf Mentor who is willing to share her language with a hearing family to help them help their child with hearing loss and a visual impairment have a full and exciting life.”

Parents of Nathan
Fayetteville, GA



“We absolutely couldn't have navigated this period in our life for our son with visual impairment without the help of Georgia PINES.”

Parents of Joey
Marietta, GA



“Through the help of Georgia PINES, our family has overcome many obstacles and our daughter with vision and hearing loss has made tremendous improvement.”

Parents of Camia
Vidalia, GA



“Georgia PINES sent someone to see us as soon as I notified them that I had a deaf child. Although I was given tons of stuff to read, there was a real person right there in my living room to help explain what was going on and what we could expect. Georgia PINES was willing to help me in any way possible.”

Parents of Sammy
Mt. Airy, GA



What services are available to Georgia PINES families?

- Developmental assessments specific to sensory loss
- Audiological testing
- Functional vision evaluations
- Orientation and mobility evaluations
- Parent/professional Lending Library
- Loaner hearing aid bank
- Loaner adaptive toy/equipment bank
- Statewide parent workshops on sensory loss and its implications
- Informational and training videos accessible from Georgia PINES website
- Sibshops



For more information or to make a referral to Georgia PINES:

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Parent Infant Network for Educational Services

Providing Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments with an Emphasis on Training Families of Newly Diagnosed Children Birth till 5th birthday with Sensory Loss

- * Hearing Loss
- * Visual Impairments
- * Deaf-Blind
- * Sensory Impairments Including Multiple Disabilities

Georgia PINES' mission is to support, educate, and empower families of young children with sensory loss to positively impact their quality of life through collaborative efforts in natural environments.

For more information: www.gapines.info

To make a referral:
obtain referral form on line or
call 404-298-4884

Tell me about Georgia PINES

- All services are provided in the home or other appropriate natural environment.
- All services are free to Georgia PINES families.



What does Georgia PINES do?

- Georgia PINES provides parent education and coach parents in four models.
- Georgia PINES makes referrals to and collaborates with Babies Can't Wait, Georgia Guide by Your Side, the Georgia Sensory Assistance Project, and many other agencies.

What are the four program Models?

- Georgia PINES utilizes four nationally validated curriculums developed at Utah State University: SKI-HI, INSITE, VIISA, and Deaf Mentor.
- SKI-HI, INSITE, and VIISA services are provided by professionals called parent advisors.
- Weekly home visits are made to the parents and/or caregivers of the child.
- The team approach is encouraged among the Georgia PINES staff and with other professionals and agencies serving the family.



Georgia PINES SKI-HI Model

Teachers of deaf and hard of hearing children, audiologists, and speech therapists receive eight days of training in the SKI-HI Model. Training focus is on service delivery of children with hearing loss in:

- hearing aids program and cochlear implants.
- "communication match" for a child's individualized needs.
- listening and spoken language development.
- language and literacy development.
- parent coaching strategies



Georgia PINES INSITE Model



Teachers of the visually impaired, hearing impaired, preschool handi-capped, orientation and mobility instructors, and other related fields of special education receive eight days of training in the INSITE Model. Training focus is on service delivery

to families of children with sensory impairment and multiple disabilities in:

- visual impairment and/or hearing loss and its implications.
- communication and cognitive development in young children with sensory impairment/multiple disabilities.
- gross/fine motor and self-help skill development.
- language development.
- parent coaching strategies

Georgia PINES VIISA Model

Parent advisors previously trained in the INSITE Model receive five days of additional training in the VIISA Model. Training focus is on service delivery in:

- visual impairment and its implications.
- interacting with people.
- childcare and self-care.
- motor development and orientation and mobility.
- learning through the senses.
- cognition.
- parent coaching strategies



Georgia PINES Deaf Mentor Model



College degreed deaf adults receive three days of training in the Deaf Mentor Model. Training focus is on service delivery to families in:

- language and literacy development.
- exposing families to the culture and history of deaf individuals.
- collaboration with the parent advisor and other professionals working with the family.
- Deaf Mentor family celebration events
- parent coaching strategies

Georgia PINES Referral Form

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex _____

Diagnosis: Right ear _____
 Left ear _____
 Right eye _____
 Left eye _____

Additional diagnoses: _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Email: _____

Phone: Home: _____

Other: _____

County: _____

Referral Source: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date Referred: _____

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