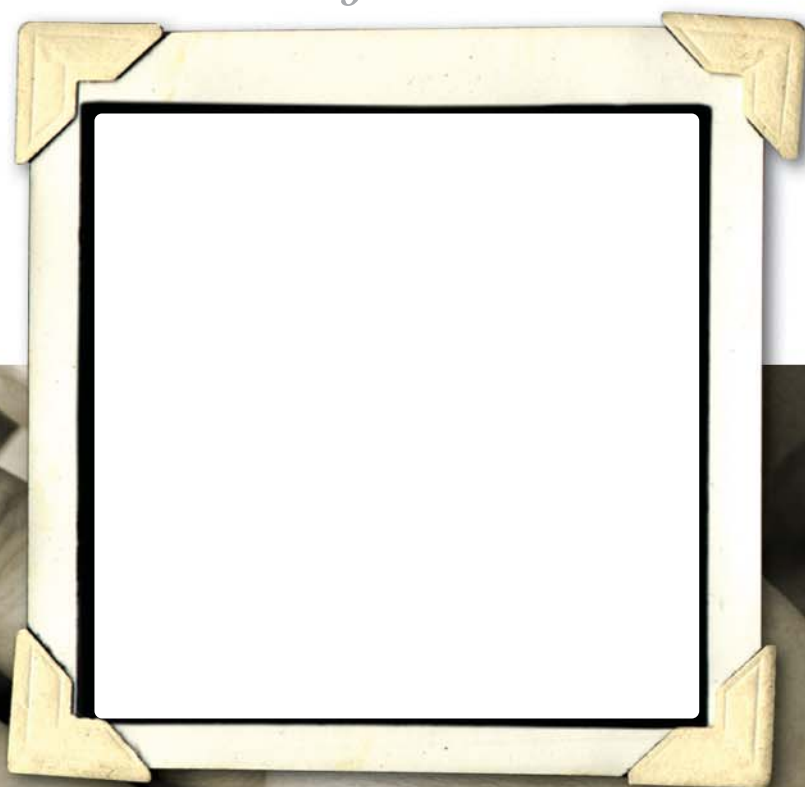


# pOssibilities

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A RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A HEARING LOSS

# About this Resource

The 'Possibilities and Pathways' resource is a joint initiative of the Healthy Hearing Program and the Queensland Hearing Loss Family Support Service. Extensive consultation was undertaken with early intervention services, medical professionals and parent groups, to develop this resource.

'Possibilities' has been designed as a guide for families whose child has been identified with a permanent hearing loss. This resource is intended to support families in their decision making post-diagnosis and provides information on the processes and pathways families have available to them in the hearing loss sector.

It is also intended to be used to explore what a child's hearing loss may mean for a family and to provide contacts for a range of support services and other sources of information.

Copies of this kit will be available to every child in Queensland with a diagnosis of a permanent hearing loss. The kit has been designed so that it can be personalised by the family, for example the front cover provides a 'cut out' where a photo of the child can be inserted.

## The purpose of the kit

*Possibilities & Pathways* aims to:

- help families explore what their child's hearing loss might mean for them and their child
- provide information to support decision-making
- give families some practical tips that might assist them on their way, and
- link families to a range of support services and other useful sources of information

As the needs of a child with a hearing loss will change overtime, this resource has been designed so that families can refer to different sections of the resource to find the information that is important to them at a particular time.

## What's in the kit

The *Possibilities* kit contains;

- the *Possibilities* book
- a sheet of sticker letters so the resource can be personalised
- a notepad of 'Our questions' to record questions families may wish to ask professionals and support services
- information sheet's for the child's grandparents and family friends
- a checklist to help families consider important issues in choosing and early intervention service for their child
- a document wallet for storing the child's reports, letters from professionals and information
- additional space for storing other important resources such as:
  - *Choices* - from Australian Hearing
  - The child's *Personal Health Record book*
  - Records of the child's medical assessments

These resources are all provided in a kit box, so that families can keep all this information and other information regarding their child's hearing loss altogether in the one place.

To obtain a copy of this resource, contact the;  
Queensland Hearing Loss Family Support Service

Telephone: **1800 352 075**

