



Services for Children



Professionals at Rochester School for the Deaf work together, utilizing a comprehensive array of support services, to ensure success for our students and their family members.





Support service professionals at Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD) recognize that parental involvement is a critical element in every child's education. In partnership with families, support services provided by RSD are carefully designed to effectively:

- Prepare new students to attend RSD;
- Define the best educational program for each child;
- Determine which appropriate support services children will receive; and,
- Guide families and students toward a satisfying and successful RSD experience.



Preparing to Attend RSD (The Intake Process)

The intake evaluation process for deaf and hard of hearing children ages 3 to 21 to attend RSD – a 4201 State-Supported School – follows New York State Education Department procedures.

Families in New York State with deaf and hard of hearing children - newborn to age 21 - can apply to RSD directly at any time.

Parents of deaf and hard of hearing infants, toddlers and twos (children up to age 3) may request a referral to RSD from their county's Early Intervention program. Families with children age 3 to 5 can request a referral to RSD from their home school district's Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). Families with children age 5 to 21 can request a referral to RSD from their school district's Committee on Special Education (CSE).

RSD support service staff conducts comprehensive intake evaluations. This service is free-of-charge and includes:

- Educational and Classroom Observation
- Psychological Assessment
- Speech/Language Assessment
- Audiological Assessment
- Social History Review
- Medical History Review
- Vocational Assessment

**For assistance in applying to RSD,
to arrange for a campus tour, or for
general intake referral information,
call 585 • 336 • 5854 (Voice/TTY), or
e-mail: Info@RSDeaf.org.**

RSD Mission

Rochester School for the Deaf is entrusted, empowered, and funded to provide and enhance the educational and life growth experiences in an optimal environment for children and students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Audiological Assessment and Services

The RSD audiologist is located right on campus to ensure prompt attention to any audiological issue a student may encounter during the school day. The audiologist utilizes the latest assessment strategies, diagnostic technologies and equipment to support students and to provide audiological examinations and assessments during the intake evaluation process.



Hearing Aid and Cochlear Implant Services

The RSD audiologist monitors students' hearing aids and Cochlear Implants to ensure that the equipment performs at optimum levels. The audiologist dispenses and repairs hearing aids and earmolds and provides students with opportunities to use digital hearing aids on a trial basis. RSD also coordinates hearing aid and Cochlear Implant services for students provided by external agencies.

Support Services

Medical Services at RSD are supervised by an attending physician and includes 24-hour nursing care. Nurses are available for a variety of services, including: first aid, urgent care, in-person or on-call responder for athletic events, and distribution of medications to students. Located on the 2nd floor of Forrester Hall, the infirmary at RSD is a bright, clean, and well-equipped elevator-accessible facility.

Student Study Team assists students at RSD who may experience a wide range of challenges and difficulties. The team of school staff meets often to discuss students' specific issues and suggest appropriate interventions. They track a child's progress, keep his or her parents informed, and evaluate to determine if the interventions are working.

Learning Disabilities Task Force at RSD includes: a psychologist, an educational evaluator, academic/school director(s), an audiologist, and an occupational therapist. With information gathered from a student's evaluations, parents, teachers or other school staff, the task force formulates strategies to aid students' success.

Counseling Services at RSD offer students one-on-one guidance and "Skills-Streaming" within their classroom. In Skills-Streaming, a team of counselors visit a classroom, where they lead learning activities to develop social skills or to remedy any specific behavioral problems.

Mental Health Team of RSD professionals includes: a psychologist, counselor, behavior management specialist, nurse, school director, and a consulting psychiatrist. They meet regularly to discuss students who may have emotional issues or behavioral problems. The team supports students and family members with intervention services for as long as necessary.

Behavioral Intervention Plan is a remedial plan, compliant with New York State requirements, to assist students when their behavior interferes with the learning process. The school's behavior management specialist and school psychologist work with other school staff to conduct a Functional Behavioral Analysis and to implement a Behavior Intervention Plan.





To learn more about Services for Children at Rochester School for the Deaf, please visit the RSD Web site: www.RSDeaf.org.

Response Card—We invite you to fill out this card and return it to us. —**Thank you!**

I am:

- Parent/guardian of child/children with hearing loss
- Teacher/other professional serving children with hearing loss and families
- School district/Service Providers to children with hearing loss and families
- Other (explain) _____

I would like to:

- Discuss enrolling my child/children in RSD programs
- Tour Rochester School for the Deaf
- Network with RSD staff and families
- Receive newsletters and other information about RSD via mail/e-mail
- Other (explain) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

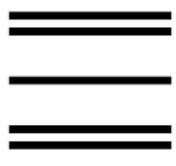
Zip code _____

Phone/VP number _____

E-Mail address _____

How did you learn about RSD?

- WWW
- Friend
- RSD parent/family
- School district
- Service Provider
- Other (explain) _____



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With Regents-level educational programs, outreach services, and cultural support, RSD is one of America's premier schools specializing in the education of children with hearing loss. Since 1876, RSD has built successful futures for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in Western and Central New York State.



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