



## Parent Talking Points

For when presenting parents with options to wait for confirmation of hearing loss or to proceed with full Early ACCESS evaluation and assessment

### Reasons why families may want to wait for confirmation of the hearing loss:

- Families often want to first know whether or not their child has a hearing loss. If hearing is the only concern at this time, families will know their child has a hearing loss before proceeding with a full evaluation.
- If scheduling is a concern, the evaluation would take place in the next 45 days and would include appointments with providers who would be conducting evaluations and reviewing records.

### Reasons for families to proceed with the full evaluation and sign the consent for evaluation:

- Early ACCESS can provide a full evaluation, including the hearing evaluation, at no cost to families. If paying for a hearing evaluation is a concern, Early ACCESS would be able to pay for it (especially when a timely evaluation is needed and payment source is an issue).
- If concerns in other areas of development have also been identified (by family, primary health care providers, caregiver, etc), a family can get information in order to make a more informed decision.
- The sooner concerns are addressed, the sooner the child and family can begin receiving services and supports.