



## What is the Role of the LSL Early Interventionist?

**Hannah Eskridge, MSP, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT®:** I view the role of a Listening and Spoken Language professional, in that early intervention piece, as a critical part of the “team.” The team is made up of a lot of players...of course the child and their family being the center of that, and crucial part of that. And then the pediatric audiologist being an important part of that team as well...the ENT specialist. All of these are important players. And the Listening and Spoken Language Specialist is one of those to come alongside and have an additional role of coming alongside the parent and family towards...working towards their goals of their child being able to hear, and then listen with that hearing, and then speak.

So the Listening and Spoken Language Specialist is there to guide and to coach the parent during those really important years. Those times, early on, that can really be the crucial time to make a difference for the child with hearing loss.