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Abstract

It is well recognized that hearing is critical to speech and language development, communication, and learning. In fact Communication development and behavioural skills are influenced by a child's ability to hear. Hearing is a complex process of picking up sound and attaching meaning to it. The ability to hear is critical to understanding the world around us. Children with a hearing loss often report feeling alone, without friends, and unhappy in school, particularly when their socialization with other children with a hearing loss is limited. Despite advance in technology and a greater emphasis on improving the academic performance of students with hearing impairments, these kids continue to have a more difficult time with reading, math, science and social studies. The objective of the present study was to determine the effectiveness of early intervention on academic achievement of hearing impaired children. This descriptive study was carried out at FMH College of Medicine and Dentistry, from 1st October 2012 to December 2012 to determine the effectiveness of early intervention on academic achievement of hearing impaired children. For this purpose views from parents of 50 children with hearing impairment regarding their child's academic skills were noted. Academic skills of children with hearing impaired were determined by collecting data from the parents of hearing impaired children by using a questionnaire. Questionnaire which was used as data collecting instrument that was designed by expert opinion and literature review. The results indicated that parents who identified hearing impairment at their child's early age and applied early intervention strategies received more effective results and their academic achievement was good. The findings concluded that the children who received early intervention strategies showed good academic achievement.

Keywords: hearing impaired, early intervention, academic achievement.

