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## Message from the Editor

HEARSAY is a newsletter for school professionals in Arkansas who are educating students who are deaf/hard of hearing. Each issue will include information, resources, and tips for working with this unique student population. We'd love to hear from you and address topics you suggest. Please email your questions/suggestions to [ears@archildrens.org](mailto:ears@archildrens.org).

## Listening Skill Development

Most students with hearing loss require specific instruction in listening skill development. Check out these Supporting Success products from the website [successforkidswithhearingloss.com](http://successforkidswithhearingloss.com) that are aimed at improving listening skills!

**Assessment:** An overall assessment for listening is the [SPICE](#). For basic skills use the [ESP](#) test.  
**Auditory Discrimination:** Contrasts for Auditory and Speech Training ([CAST](#)) even has a pre/post test!

**Broad work on skills:** The [Look Who's Listening Game](#) works on auditory discrimination, memory and integration.

**Higher level skills:** The [SPICE for Life](#) is an auditory learning curriculum to overcome real life challenges.

**Classroom listening skills:** [Auditory Skill Development Cards](#) and the [Spotlight on Listening Comprehension](#) workbooks target skills specific to classroom listening. Students must have basic listening skills first though!

## Cared to Share...

We have recently found the following resources helpful and think you might too!

- ⇒ **Captioning in Real Time:** Do you have a student that needs captioning in REAL TIME? If so, check out the AVA app. This app provides captioning of conversations (group conversations or one-on-one conversations) to the user's cell phone/tablet in real time!  
Link: <https://www.ava.me/>
- ⇒ **Self-Assessment and Self-Advocacy:** Check out these great resources below if you have a student that might benefit!
  - *Audiology Self-Advocacy Checklist for Elementary Students*
  - *GAP Self-Assessment: Understanding and Using Hearing Access and Hearing Assistance Technology*
  - *Self-Assessment of Communication for Adolescents*
 Link: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zaGOA8Q7Gifqbca1QGY\\_acrKvcoAasMm?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zaGOA8Q7Gifqbca1QGY_acrKvcoAasMm?usp=sharing)
- ⇒ **Harry Potter and Hearing Loss:** Do you have a Harry Potter fan at your school that struggles to cope with their hearing loss? If so, check out this great resource that aims to look at the similarities between Harry Potter's story and the journey taken by many children with hearing loss!
  - *Harry Potter and Hearing Loss: A Whimsical Look at Similarities and Successes* by Karen L. Anderson, Ph.D.
 Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1014SZXPWaBWECjSgmmCYsjUS12paij13/view?usp=sharing>

Note: Links work best if using google chrome

## The Pediatric Listening Experience from Phonak

Do you have a student that has been recently diagnosed with a hearing loss at your school? If so, consider sharing this resource with the family. The Pediatric Listening Experience from Phonak is an online resource that can help guide parents through the following three key categories:

1. What children with hearing loss need
2. Three listening experiences: speech in quiet, speech in noise and listening at a distance
3. A brief introduction to how Roger technology helps

Check it out at: <https://www.hearphonak.com/online-listening-experience-for-families/>  
Password **DoorwayToTheBrain**

## Help Spread the Word - Zoo Day!

Arkansas Hands and Voices is hosting Zoo Day on **April 13th, 2019** at the Little Rock Zoo. The event is **FREE** to all Deaf/Hard of Hearing children and their families. It is a great way to connect with other families and enjoy a day at the zoo!

Link: [AR H&V Flyer](#)

## EARS Resources

### YouTube

Just a reminder to take a look at our YouTube Channel. We have lots of informational video clips which might be helpful to you when working with your students.

<http://tinyurl.com/EARSVideosPlaylist>

### HEARSAY

This link will take you to our newsletter, HEARSAY. We typically publish 3-4 issues per year. As new issues are added, you will have access to them via this link.

<https://tinyurl.com/EARSHearSayNewletters>