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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).

## School's (almost) out for the SUMMER!

We hope you enjoy some time relaxing by the pool this summer and taking a break from the school schedule! Please share these fun summer activities with your students and families.

- ⇒ **AIM-HI Camp 2019: July 21-25, 2019!** AIM-HI is a five day, four night summer program for mainstreamed students entering grades 6-10 who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and use spoken language to communicate. This year's camp theme is "Not Yet" working off of the Growth Mindset: The Power of YET framework. We're excited to encourage this year's campers to face challenges/obstacles with a mindset of "not yet" vs. "cannot."

**AIM-HI Brochure:** <https://tinyurl.com/y3hqtret>

- ⇒ **AR Hands and Voices Back to School Bash: August 8, 2019!** For more info contact by email: [info@arhandsandvoices.org](mailto:info@arhandsandvoices.org).

## EARS YouTube Channel

Be sure to check out the EARS YouTube channel for troubleshooting tips and information on the various types of amplification devices (<http://tinyurl.com/EARSVideosPlaylist>). Just for fun, check out these statistics below from the YouTube channel!

- ⇒ **Total Videos:** 49
- ⇒ **Total views of all videos:** 1408
- ⇒ **The most watch videos on our playlist include:**  
FM/DM troubleshooting, FM/DM listening check, How to insert/remove HA, HA troubleshooting, Hearing screen play/standard

Please email [ears@archildrens.org](mailto:ears@archildrens.org) if you would like to see any specific video topics added to our YouTube channel. We would love your feedback!

## Cared to Share...

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

- ⇒ **Accommodations Central:** Take some time to check out the Accommodations Central website, which provides in-depth information about accommodations and related topics. The mission of Accommodations Central is to provide accommodations that support student learning, relevant examples, steps for implementation, practical tips, and details about state testing allowability.

**Link:** <http://acentral.education/>

- ⇒ **Hands and Voices:** Hands and Voices is a non-profit, parent-driven organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Hands and Voices website offers great resources to families!

**Link:** <http://www.handsandvoices.org/index.htm>

## Documenting Assistive Technology in the IEP

IDEA does not specify how or where Assistive Technology is to be included in the IEP. However, it is important to clearly document the assistive technology devices and services that will be provided so that any team member who is implementing the IEP can clearly understand what assistive technology is required. Also, it is important that everyone understands when, where and the purpose for which the assistive technology is to be used.

Check out these great resources from Arkansas Easterseals (Link: [EASTERSEALS](http://easterseals.org)), Outreach Program and Technology Services!

- ⇒ **Arkansas Assistive Technology Consideration Resource Guide:** <https://eastersealsopts.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Arkansas-Assistive-Technology-Consideration-Resource-Guide-2.pdf>
- ⇒ **Assistive Technology Implementation Plan:** <https://tinyurl.com/yv6j6e4> (Google Chrome)

## 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>