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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS) ADMINISTRATORS
AND MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF, AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: UPCOMING AUDIOLOGY TRAINING

This is to announce an upcoming training sponsored by the CMS Branch on the Ongoing Audiological Assessment for Infants and Toddlers, utilizing grant funds from the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (H61 MC 00095-01). The training will be provided by the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM). It takes place over a two-month period and includes an on-line component, with weekly chat rooms, and a three-day on-site workshop. The main topics to be covered are:

- Hearing Aid Fitting
- Behavioral Assessment
- Cochlear Implantation

The target audience to participate in this training is clinical audiologists who are currently serving infants and toddlers. This includes the CCS approved Type C Communication Disorder Centers.

A workshop brochure is attached. Please share this information with the practicing audiologists in your area.

Registration is currently open and available on-line, at www.infanthearing.org. The registration deadline is October 18, 2004.

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If you would like copies of the brochure, please contact Hallie Morrow, M.D., M.P.H., at (916) 323-8009, or by email, at hmorrow@dhs.ca.gov.

Thank you for promoting this educational opportunity to the audiologists serving our youngest children.

Original Signed by Marian Dalsey, M.D., M.P.H

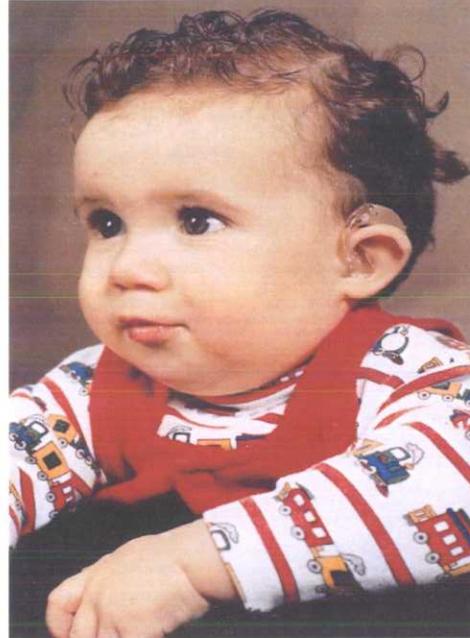
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Attachment

National Center for Hearing
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Some babies are born listeners ...



Others need your help

**On-going Audiological Assessment
for Infants and Toddlers
A Two Part Workshop**

Redondo Beach and San Mateo, CA

The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) announces an opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and skills in the on-going assessment needed for infants and toddlers with hearing loss. This training will take place over a two month period and requires your commitment to participate fully in both the on-line and workshop components.

With the dramatic increase in universal newborn hearing screening, children are being diagnosed with hearing loss at a much earlier age than they were several years ago. Early identification of hearing loss is of little or no value without timely and effective habilitation. The special skills needed to work with very young children were not taught in audiology programs a few years ago. This workshop will help you acquire those skills.

Workshop highlights:

- Variables that must be considered in hearing assessment and fitting amplification
- Selection and fitting of amplification for infants and toddlers
- Validation of hearing instrumentation
- The use of ABR data in the DSL Method
- Appropriate hearing instrument verification procedures
- Behavioral audiological evaluation
- Determining candidacy for cochlear implants
- Selecting a surgeon and implant center

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management will submit an application to the American Academy of Audiology to offer Academy CEUs for this activity. The program may be worth a maximum of 3.2 CEUs. Academy approval of this continuing education activity does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

On-Site Faculty

HEARING AID FITTING

Dr. Richard Seewald holds a Canada Research Chair in Childhood Hearing at the National Centre for Audiology, and is a Professor in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Western Ontario. He is known internationally for his work in developing the Desired Sensation Level (DSL) Method for pediatric hearing instrument fitting.

Shane Moodie is a Clinical Supervisor in the Andy Leeper Speech and Hearing Clinic at University of Western Ontario. Mr. Moodie has assisted in the development of the DSL Method and in the development of clinical protocols for assessment, selection/fitting and verification of hearing instruments for infants and young children.

BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT

Dr. Judith Gravel is a Professor of Communication Sciences at Hunter College in New York City, and a Visiting Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Gravel's primary interests include behavioral audiologic assessment of infants and young children using conditioned behavioral methods.

COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION

Dr. Antonia Maxon is the Co-director and Founder of the New England Center for Hearing Rehabilitation. She has worked with neonatal hearing screening and intervention for over 15 years. Dr. Maxon's clinical practice involves habilitation of children with cochlear implants.

Part I – On line preparation

November 1, 2004 – December 13, 2004

- Increase your theoretical and clinical knowledge with the on-line materials and reading lists.
- Conference calls will be held the week of November 1st to familiarize participants with goals and format for the course and to introduce the mentoring staff.
- Chat weekly with the mentoring staff in the workshop chat rooms.
- Use the Bulletin Board to post questions, get answers quickly and provide comments.
- Participants will be required to take an **on-line exam** to measure their understanding of the background information and determine eligibility for on-site workshop. The test will be available on-line December 14th and must be completed by December 23rd.
- Chat rooms will be:
Mondays 11/8 – 12/13 8am or 7pm
Tuesdays 11/9 – 12/14 8am or 8pm

List the day you would prefer to attend the chat rooms on your registration form. (*Please note you may not get the day requested because of limited space in each chat room.)

Part II – On site workshops

Redondo Beach

January 10 8am to 7pm

January 11 9am to 7pm

January 12 8am to 4pm

San Mateo

January 13 8am to 7pm

January 14 9am to 7pm

January 15 8am to 4pm

- Three full days of clinically-based presentation with Dr. Judith Gravel, Dr. Antonia Maxon, and Dr. Richard Seewald.
- Hands-on training with clinical equipment.

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

San Mateo Marriott
1770 South Amphlett Boulevard
San Mateo, CA 94402
Phone: 1-800-556-8972
\$99.00

The Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel
300 North Harbor Drive
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Phone: 310-318-8888
\$119.00

Please mention that you are with the On-going
Audiological Assessment Workshop.

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel
no later than December 10, 2004.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$175 – Includes all course materials, access to on-line preparation, and on-site workshop, including lunch and breaks. Payment by check or money order only.

Register on-line at www.infanthearing.org

Invoices will be sent after registration is received.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE October 18th

Enrollment limited to 32 participants per workshop

**For questions regarding registration, please contact
Kathleen Watts at (435) 797-3459 or
kathleen.watts@usu.edu**