



***The Listening Room: Creating
Listening and Language Opportunities
in the Child's Home Environment***

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Course Objectives:

- Applying Normal Developmental Milestones to a child with Hearing Loss
- Creating Effective Listening and Language Opportunities
- Resources available from the Listening Room



Developmental Milestones

- New technology has created an opportunity for children with severe-to-profound hearing loss to achieve spoken language milestones = with hearing peers.
- More children are mainstreamed and at younger ages
- Use milestones of children with normal hearing to plan intervention



El provider should know....

- Normal developmental milestones for audition, speech, language and cognitive ability
- Common assessment tools for evaluating children of various ages
- Use of developmental milestones and achievement scores to establish goals
- Use of milestones to assist child/family in “closing the gap” between hearing and chronologic ages.



How do I begin?

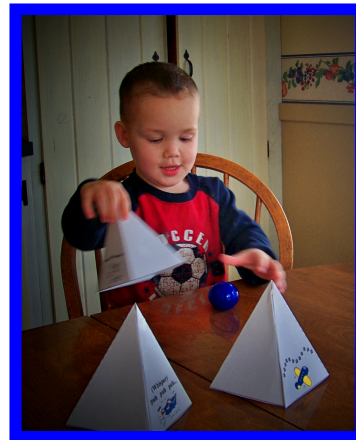
- Establish the Child's "Hearing Age"
 - Hearing birthday – the day he/she received access to sound with a HA or a CI
- Skill level at hearing age compared to chronological age
- Gap = the need to set goals to help child close the gap



Home visits: Planning Your Session

- Activities related to each area of development:

- Audition
- Speech
- Language
- Vocabulary
- Cognition



- Activities the parents can do to reinforce “carry-over”



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Something to think about...

“It’s a dynamic between
parent and child--
Change one’s behavior and
you change the other’s”





How Can AB HELP?

- Education = AB OnLine Education Courses at www.BionicEar.com

- Resources = The Listening Room Infants and Toddlers Section at www.HearingJourney.com

- Services = The Bionic Ear Association (BEA)
 - On call support
 - Mentorship
 - Volunteer opportunities to Hear and Be Heard!
 - www.BionicEar.com



What is the Listening Room?

- A one of a kind website that offers families and professionals a surplus of interactive activities to support the development of speech, language and listening skills in children with hearing loss at any age
- Developed by Dave Sindrey, MCISc., Cert AVT® and Advanced Bionics
- 3 unique sites:
 - **Infants & Toddlers**
 - Kids
 - Teens & Adults





the Listening Room

for
infants &
toddlers



0 to 6 months



6 months to 1 year



1 year to 18 months



18 months and up



Language Activities & Education

- Activities are focused around a young child's day
- Educate parents and caregivers to **target** important **moments**
- Reminders posted throughout the house = **“Crib notes”**
 - Principles and concepts to Language Development



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Activities Target -



all waking hours



getting dressed



mealttime



playtime



going out



bathtime



booktime



bedtime



People Who
Love me



Sample Activity

Stair Tube

All you need is a cardboard mailing tube, steps, and a few fun toys to play this fun game with toddler.





Sample Activity

High Chair Theater

With short pieces of ribbon and a couple of toys, you can work on listening between servings of snack.





Sample Crib Note

Within Earshot

Now that your child is up and walking it is important for you to stay close so that he can hear all of what you have to tell him.





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Music is Key!



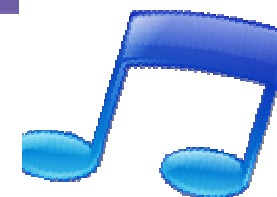
- Singing is a natural part of how you communicate and bond with a young child!
- Through the use of songs and finger plays you will arouse a young child with a hearing loss to pay attention to your face, body language and engage in the process of communication and interacting with others
- Short simple songs are provided that you can download and sing to your child throughout his day
- Songs focus on target “moments” – getting dressed, play time, book time, bedtime and more!



Sample Song

Wash My Face

Sing this song while body parts are being washed.
You can teach this song while playing with a doll too!





Developmental Milestones



- Checklist of important milestones in your child's development

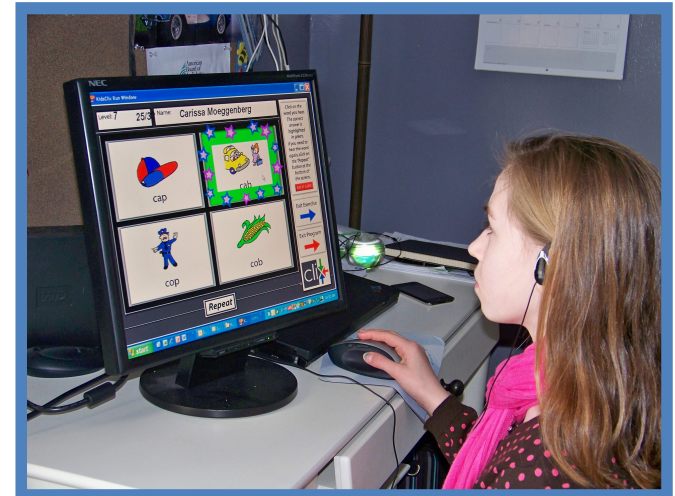


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As Your Child Grows....

So does the Listening Room!





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Kids Section



Activity of
the Week



Article of
the Month



Circle Time



Language Off
the Wall



Talkabouts



Listening
Ladder



Clix for Kids



Tune Ups



Advocacy



español



Sample School Age Activity



- Downloadable PDF Files
- Instruction Sheet
- OnLine Video Clip



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Summary

- There is a range of “normal” for hearing children as well as with children with hearing loss
- Use of normal developmental milestones to gauge progress is essential with today’s technology
- The Listening Room provides activities and resources to support your child’s listening and oral language development at any age!
- AB is committed to providing programs and services that support the success of children with a hearing loss



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Learn more about the BEA services and resources to support you!



Visit AB OnLine Today at www.BionicEar.com !