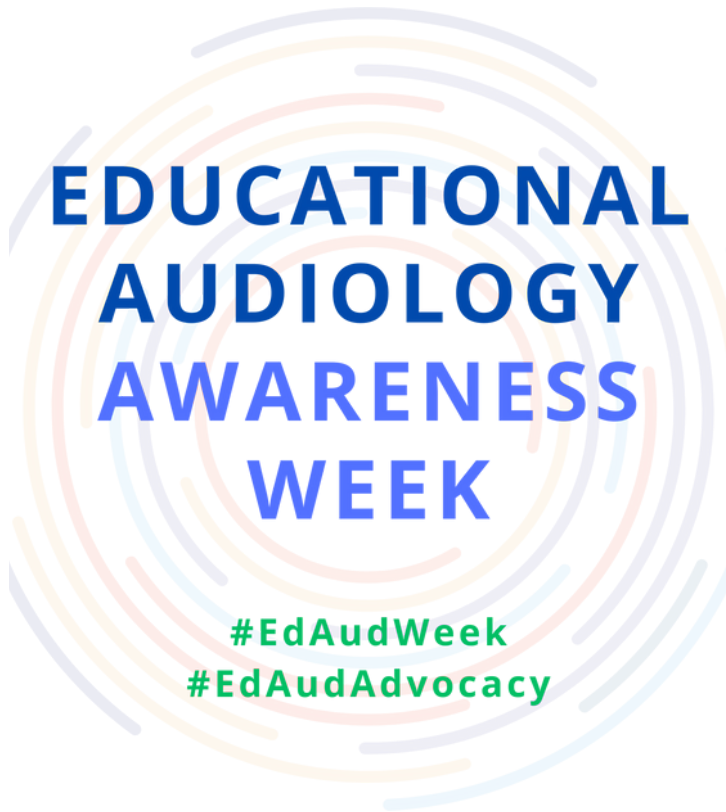


HEAR AND LISTEN

Summit ESC Educational Audiology Updates



Fall Updates

The 2023-2024 school year is in full swing and so are the Educational Audiologists at the Summit ESC. In this issue of Hear and Listen you will find information about the first National Educational Audiology Awareness week happening Oct 16-20, district assignments for the educational audiologists, upcoming ALPS meeting, and Madeline's Law.

Our mission as an Educational Audiology Team is to support school districts by providing compliance based educational audiology outreach services to support students with auditory needs in the educational setting.

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District Assignments

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Educational Audiology
Awareness Month

Who is Your District Audiologist?

Restructuring of Districts

Each year the educational audiologists look at several factors to determine the best way to effectively serve the districts that contract for services through the ESC. Please refer below for district assignments. Our ESC will be meeting as a team and asking for district input as we look into the future to continue to accommodate growth and the unique needs of students who are D/HH.

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TALK		Streetsboro
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		Waterloo
		West Branch
		West Geauga

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$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
$$a = \frac{v_f - v_i}{+}$$

16 REASONS WHY YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST!

REASON #1 -

PERFORM COMPREHENSIVE, EDUCATIONALLY RELEVANT HEARING EVALUATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION ACCESS AND LEARNING.

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

Your district audiologist is “HEAR” to support in a multitude of ways.

An educational audiologist (EdAud):

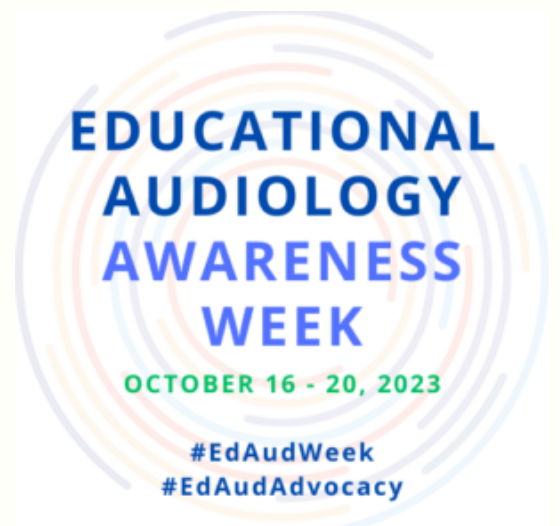
- serve students with hearing loss and auditory needs
- support teams on how to accommodate their students’ hearing loss in the classroom
- identifies acoustical modifications for the classroom
- makes sure that hearing assistive equipment, needed to access the curriculum, is fitted and consistently works
- Provides direct/indirect auditory and self advocacy development.

IDEA requires that the equipment is functioning every day. Equipment includes the child’s personal hearing aids or cochlear implants, as well as school provided Hearing Assistance Technology (HAT).

An EdAud is the only professional that can select the appropriate HAT, fits it on the student, and make sure that the school-owned equipment will not cause additional hearing loss.



<https://www.edaud.org/position-stat/7-position-05-10.pdf>



ALPS Meeting

The ALPS meetings have been set for the 2023-24 school year. The first meeting will be held on Dec 1, 2023 and the second meeting will be March 15, 2024 at the Summit ESC from 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM We have included and attached the flyer and brochure for the first meeting which includes the registration link. Please share with any middle/high school students who are deaf/hard of hearing or have auditory processing needs.

Last year we hosted over 50 students from 15 different school districts. We cannot wait to offer this opportunity again this year to support your students. Being about to connect with peers that are “in the shoes” builds positive self esteem, stronger advocacy, and opportunities for mentorship and leadership.

Thank you to ALL of you for continuing to support the ALPS program by passing along the information, providing transportation, and allowing students to attend during the school day.

Drs. Hoefler and Spangler also presented the concept of ALPS for OCALI! Take a peak to learn about the WHY for peer to peer supports.

<https://www.ocali.org/project/Lean-on-Me-Peer-to-Peer-Support-Groups-and-Resources-for-Students-with-Disabilities>



OUR MISION

TO OFFER A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR TWEENS/TEESN WHO ARE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING TO LEARN ABOUT HEARING DIFFERENCES, TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES, AND LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO BECOME THEIR #1 ADVOCATE

ALPS MEETING

Advocacy and Leadership Peer Supports for deaf/hard of hearing teens

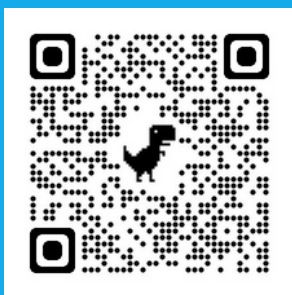
ALPS Mission

To offer a safe environment for tweens/teens who are deaf/hard of hearing to learn about hearing loss, technology, communication strategies, and leadership in order to become your best #1 advocate

UPCOMING EVENT

- Friday Dec 1, 2023
- 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
- Summit ESC located at 420 Washington Ave Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221

Register or scan QR Code
<https://forms.gle/x5pZmUuN7skMignT6>



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INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH PIZZA!!!!

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Madeline's Law: Hearing Aids for Kids

Did you know that children's hearing aids are considered "cosmetic" by insurance companies. We need to change this! HB 152 (Ohio's hearing aid bill) passed favorably in the Ohio House in Jun 2023. The bill needs to pass favorably in the Senate. It has been assigned to the Senate Insurance Committee. If you would like to help advocate for passage of this important legislation; please reach out or follow updates on FaceBook in the group "Let Ohio Hear" or contact Dr. Carrie Spangler

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OHIO
SENATOR
AND ASK
TO
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HB 152**

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**WE
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LET OHIO HEAR

HB 152 is bipartisan legislation requiring health benefits plans to cover hearing aids up to \$2500/per ear every 48 months for children under 21 years of age

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