

SUMMER READING AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN OFFERED

It's not too late! Summer Programs to improve language, learning, reading, listening and academic success are available through the Center starting in June.



The Center has a long history of helping children develop better foundational skills for learning. This can help maximize the gains your child makes in school. CHSL has an array of services available:

- Screening: minimal cost, hearing/functional vision and visual acuity/ speech and language skill screening. This takes less than ½ hour, provides immediate results and costs only \$10.00 per child.
- Developmental, pre-academic and academic screening: Does your child have the skills that are needed to achieve at his/her grade level and consistent with his/her peers? We can quickly screen the child's spelling, reading, and math (for school age children) or we can screen pre-academic skills such as gross and fine motor skills, word/letter identification, beginning pre-literacy skills (getting ready to read), and in-depth language understanding and usage. (\$25.00 – approximately ½ hour, and included the basic screening as well as typical developmental information for parents.)
- Auditory and/or Language Processing Skill Assessments. Comprehensive assessments of skills in language processing as well as auditory processing skills are available. Auditory processing is best described as 'not what you hear, but what you do with what you hear.' Cost and length of appointments vary based upon the person's individual needs.
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Reading Tutoring
- Fast ForWord computer-based learning experience
- Interactive Metronome
- Ages and Stages parent questionnaires assessing your child's skills at particular stages of development

Please call Beth O'Brien at 303-322-1871 X109 for more information or to schedule your child's session.

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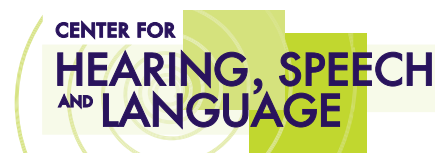
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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CENTER FOR HEARING, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

CAN KIDSCREEN SAVE LIVES? THE INCREDIBLE SCREENING OF 4 YEAR OLD ANNA QUEEN

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it" ...Helen Keller



Max Queen

Beth O'Brien, CHSL Director of Children's Clinical Services, couldn't believe the news. Four year old KidScreen patient Anna Queen was recently diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.



Anna Queen

Beth was conducting a preschool staff training at Hope United Methodist Church in Greenwood Village as part of the comprehensive services provided by the CHSL KidScreen staff. When she asked her audience for questions or comments, she was approached by Kathy Queen, mother of twins Anna and Max. Kathy was all too eager to attest to the value of

the KidScreen services. The Queen family had experienced firsthand just how valuable the screening had been, especially for Anna.

Anna, now 5 1/2 years old, was a typical, energetic 4 year old when KidScreen Coordinator, Betty White and team member Cindy Gladden, came to Hope United Methodist to screen the preschool children for any potential hearing, vision or language disorders. Following the screening, it was determined that although Max had some issues with the pronunciation of his letter "R", his language proficiency was age-appropriate.

Anna's screening, however, led to a much more troubling conclusion.

She was exhibiting depth perception problems and showed signs of a left eye tremor. To say that Betty and Cindy were concerned enough to stress to Kathy that Anna should immediately be seen by a physician is an understatement. Kathy was urged to get the child in to her doctor immediately. As Betty remarked later, "I was very concerned. Something just wasn't right."

Kathy, hoping that Anna would simply need glasses, made an immediate appointment with a Pediatric Ophthalmologist. An MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) was scheduled. But when a Neuro-oncologist, a specialist they did not expect to see, came toward her to share the results, she knew the news was going to be more than she had anticipated.

Anna had an inoperable brain tumor located in the cerebellum, pushing on the pituitary in the optic nerve.

Radiation treatments were not considered as a first course of treatment because they can negatively affect cognitive ability in children under the age of 8. Alternatively, Anna was to undergo the first course of treatment recommended: weekly chemotherapy treatments for a total of fourteen weeks, 4 weeks on and 2 off.

Remaining strong-willed and happy throughout, Anna called the treatments to her head her "medicine button" for her "boo boo." The Queen family feels particularly blessed that Anna was under the care of Dr. Nick Foreman, a University of Colorado Department of Neurosurgery physician and, incredibly, the creator of the only comprehensive pediatric tumor program in the region.

Today, Anna and Max look forward to "graduating" from preschool soon and entering Peakview Elementary School in August. Anna will have to have an MRI every 3 months for 1 year and then MRI scanning as indicated for the next ten years. And the news is good - the cure rate is 90%!

But Kathy Queen knows that Anna has her whole future in front of her. She never lost hope. And she thanks the KidScreen team for their part in it.

Call The Center for Hearing, Speech & Language professional staff to schedule a screening or diagnostic assessment at 303-322-1871.

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Colorado Springs' director Lee Ann Lizzul meets rock star HUEY LEWIS, a recent hearing aid user!

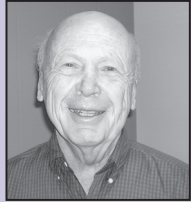
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YOUR CONTRIBUTION MEANS SO MUCH TO SO MANY!



letter from the president

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has...Margaret Mead anthropologist

The Center for Hearing, Speech, and Language is one of those small groups of people that are making a difference. Look what we accomplished during the last fiscal year:

Our Kidscreen program tested over 3,500 kids for speech, hearing and language difficulties. Please read our cover story to learn how one such screening may have saved a child's life.

We dispensed hearing aids to 174 hearing challenged people living on the Front Range who could not have paid for their aids.

We tested almost 10,000 business employees at risk for hearing problems who worked for 350 small to medium sized companies.

We participated in the No Child Left Behind program tutoring 130 children ages 6 to 9 who lacked basic literacy skills.

We added 4 professional members from the community to our Board of Directors.

We again balanced our budget.

The fiscal year just completed was one of our most successful in our 89 year history. Not bad for an 89 year old youngster.

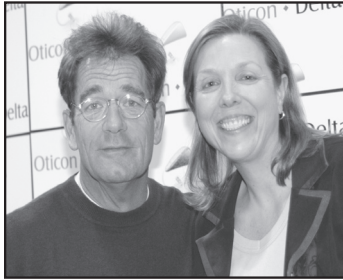
As the new fiscal year gets underway, we are very excited about introducing our KidScreen program into Colorado Springs, thereby adding to our Colorado Springs office capabilities. Our therapy options for families continue to grow, offering state-of-the-art therapy services to address any communication disorder.

All of us at The Center for Hearing, Speech & Language thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to count on you for financial and volunteer support.

All my best,

Jim Groebe

THE ROCK STAR & THE AUDIOLOGIST



Huey Lewis and Lee Ann Lizzul

Lee Ann Lizzul, Audiologist in the Center's Colorado Springs office, knows that people with hearing loss don't fit into any mold. "They're business people, active retirees, young people, soccer moms and volunteers," she states. "Sometimes, they're even rock stars." Lee Ann proved her theory recently at the American Academy of Audiology Conference in Denver where she met rock icon Huey Lewis, founding member and lead vocalist of the Grammy Award-winning group, Huey Lewis and the News, and new hearing aid user.

Huey is not unlike many new users who first consider hearing solutions when they recognize that their hearing could use a little boost. "Often the first request I get from new patients is for a hearing solution that will help them participate in conversation, especially in difficult listening situations such as restaurants or social gatherings," Lee Ann explained.

And like Huey Lewis, Lee Ann reports that more and more patients choose the new sleek and smaller open canal or "tube fit" behind-the-ear hearing aids. It is well known in the field that many people hesitate to seek help for their hearing loss because they don't want to wear more traditional hearing aids. However, with hearing aids from some of the major manufacturer's that the Center works with, CHSL can provide an attractive, contemporary solution for 4 out of 5 people with hearing loss. To see or experience some of these new hearing aids for yourself, contact the Center's audiologists at either office location.

tidbits

■ KNOW ANY HEARING-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS?

• CHSL patient Peter Warren had a great idea and we just had to share it with you! Those of us who have hearing disorders, particularly if we wear hearing aids, are painfully aware that noisy restaurants are not pleasant environments for the hearing challenged. We are asking our readers for restaurant recommendations in Denver and Colorado Springs where hearing-impaired people aren't driven positively batty by acoustical background noise! Write us with your favorite "quiet" restaurant ideas and we'll post those suggestions in our next newsletter, coming out this summer! Let us know if it's OK to use your name. Write to: info@chsl.org or mail in your suggestions to The Center for Hearing, Speech & Language, 4280 Hale Parkway, Denver, CO 80220. The nerves you save might be your own!

■ CHSL NEEDS YOUR OLD HEARING AIDS

• Spring cleaning for a good cause? Who would think it possible? CHSL is having a hearing aid drive to collect old, used hearing aids. If you run across any hearing aids that you or someone you know is no longer using, please drop them off or mail them to either of our offices on Hale Parkway in Denver or on N. Academy Boulevard in Colorado Springs. Parts taken from these aids generate funds to support our Hearing Aid Bank, a special fund designed to help low-income people pay for the hearing aids they so desperately need. Write down the value of the item(s) you send in and you might qualify for a tax deduction.

■ 11TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST SERTOMA GOLF TOURNEY SCHEDULED MONDAY, JULY 9TH

• Larry Edwards, Chairman of the annual golf tournament, and his committee of Southwest Sertoma and La Sertoma members are planning away for this special day of golf, lunch, silent auction and dinner, taking place at Pinehurst Country Club. We need golfers, silent auction donations and sponsors, so call CHSL at 303-322-1871 for more information! This is an event you won't want to miss!

■ SPEECHREADING CLASSES AVAILABLE NOW

• CHSL Audiologist Betty Sweetman announces the ongoing availability of Intermediate SpeechReading classes, meeting every Thursday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in our Hale Parkway office. Drop-ins are welcome! We also offer beginning classes twice a year. Cost is \$15 per session. Call us at 303-322-1871 if you'd like to be included on our mailing list.

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