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
EI 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”
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
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
Activities Target -

- all waking hours
- getting dressed
- mealtime
- 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.
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.
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
As Your Child Grows…

So does the Listening Room!
Listening Room

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

BionicEar.com
Sample School Age Activity

- Downloadable PDF Files
- Instruction Sheet
- OnLine Video Clip
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.
Learn more about the BEA services and resources to support you!