
Improving Communication Outcomes for Children With Hearing Aids

INTRODUCTION

Initiatives such as universal newborn hearing screening and early hearing detection and intervention programs have improved the early identification of hearing loss so children can receive intervention services at a young age. But many of these children still experience significant delays in communication development as they get older. This webinar will discuss what audiologists and speech-language pathologists can do to support optimal communication outcomes in children who use hearing aids. The webinar will explore evidence-based assessment of audibility, monitoring and supporting consistent hearing aid use, and tools for documenting outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- implement an evidence-based clinical protocol for quantifying audibility for infants and children with hearing aids
- document outcomes using speech recognition or auditory development questionnaires to identify children who may be at risk for delays in communication development

This webinar is part of ASHA's Carhart Series of Audiology Webinars, named in honor of the "father of audiology" and past ASHA president, Dr. Raymond Carhart. He expressed a love for the clinic and for practitioners who work hard each day to solve patients' hearing and communication challenges. Reflecting Carhart's spirit of curiosity and his appreciation for discovery and practical application, the series features expert speakers who use evidence-based decision-making to propose solutions to the top clinical dilemmas that audiologists face in daily practice.

CONTENTS

Introduction/Overview.....	5 min.
Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss (OCHL) Study	4 min.
Predictors of Outcomes:	
Duration Variables	16 min.
Demographic Factors	7 min.
Cumulative Auditory Experience:	
Audibility	25 min.
Hearing Aid Use.....	16 min.
Audiological Outcomes.....	21 min.
Auditory Development Questionnaires	8 min.
Questions & Answers.....	15 min.

PROGRAM HISTORY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Live webinar date: April 11, 2018

End date: April 12, 2022

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment **on or before April 12, 2022**.

To see if this program has been renewed after this date, please search by title in ASHA's online store at www.asha.org/shop.



ASHA Professional Development is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. **See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area.** ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

This course is offered for 0.2 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).