

## Better Speech and Hearing Month

Each May since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association celebrates Better Hearing and Speech Month. This annual event is designed to raise awareness and promote treatment of communication disorders, which affect nearly 14 million Americans.

Communication disorders include hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), articulation disorders, difficulty with swallowing or balance, stuttering, delayed language, or voice problems.

Speech and language disorders can take many forms and can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement. An individual may be born with a speech or language disorder, or it may be caused by accidental injury or illness. Sometimes, the definite cause of a speech-language problem is unknown. "Even if the problem cannot be eliminated, we can teach people with speech and

language problems strategies to help them cope. People may not fully regain their capacity to speak and understand, but a speech-language pathologist can help them live more independently. "Speech-language pathologists are the professionals who treat all types of speech, language, and related disorders. They hold at least a master's degree and are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Speech-language pathologists work in schools, private practice, hospitals, clinics, and other health and education settings.

**The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)** is the national professional, scientific and credentialing association for the more than 127,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Check out their website for trustworthy information on speech language disorders. [www.ASHA.org](http://www.ASHA.org)



**"The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said." --Peter F. Drucker**



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## CDSLP News

- ★ Kati has recently become a member of the Board of Directors for both the Child Help Foundation and BIAD (Brain Injury Association of Delaware). This will bring new networking and educational opportunities for our clients.
- ★ Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> CDSLP will be hosting a webinar for all DSHA members. This will be a great learning experience for all involved, and furthers CDSLP's commitment to continuing education.
- ★ Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> CDSLP will host the monthly meeting for the Delaware Health Care Network. We will be sure to update you with any special offerings or events from the meeting.

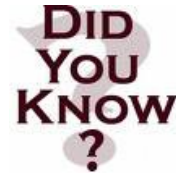
## Look What's Happening in May...

- ✓ Better Speech and Hearing Month
- ✓ May 4<sup>th</sup>: National Teacher's Day
- ✓ May 9<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- ✓ May 31<sup>st</sup>: Memorial Day



## Did you Know?

- ? Sequencing is the process of putting events, ideas, or objects in logical order.
- ? This skill allows children to see the relationship between cause/effect and actions/consequences.



- ? Beginning readers need this skill in order to recognize small differences in the letter order of words.

## How has Speech Therapy affected your life?



Write, draw, color or make something to show how speech therapy has affected your life.

Do not hesitate to include how we can make speech therapy better for you!

2 \$5 coupons for Friendly's will be given as prizes

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Parents feel free to enter this contest for your child if he or she needs help.