

## Supporting Students with Hearing Loss in All Education Settings

Presented by: Maura Berndsen, Kim Hamren, Sandy Robinson and Monika-Maria Oster  
from Listen and Talk



**August 25 and August 26**  
At Central Washington University

You are invited to participate in a 2 day intensive workshop for professionals that work with students who are deaf/hard of hearing and use listening and spoken language to communicate. Early identification of hearing loss, advances in technology, and quality early intervention services are enabling a growing number of children with hearing loss to enter neighborhood schools as early as kindergarten. This workshop will provide you with valuable information, strategies and resources to address their unique needs.

Come and learn more about: application and integration of audiological information and speech acoustics, the impact of distance and noise on a student's ability to hear and learn in different environments, use of technology (soundfield systems, FM systems, hearing aids, cochlear implants), assessments, writing meaningful IEP goals and objectives, strategies, techniques and materials, communication with team members, and more about the role of a listening and spoken language specialist. Enjoy a hands on learning experience and come with questions to be answered.

**Date/Time:** August 25 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** Central Washington University, 400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, Black Hall Room 201

**Course Fee:** \$125/person

**Clock Hours:** ASHA CEUs, LSLs credits and clock hours will be available

### Who should attend?

- Audiologists
- General Education Teachers
- SLPs
- Special Education Teachers
- Teachers of the Deaf.

**Registration Deadline: August 13 Please**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Need an sign interpreter? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration form and course fee TOGETHER to: Christy Camarata, WSDS/CWU-7409, 400 East University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926. If you have questions email camarata@cwu.edu. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

## Presenters:

### **Maura Berndsen, MA, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT: Educational Director, Auditory-Verbal Therapist**

Maura has worked at Listen and Talk since 1996 after starting her career in listening and spoken language settings in 1990. She holds her BA in Deaf Ed. from Fontbonne University and her MA in Early Childhood Ed. from the University of Texas, San Antonio. Maura is also a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS)-Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist. As Educational Director she also provides early intervention, auditory-verbal therapy, and educational consultations. Maura has presented on topics related to the development of listening and spoken language at state-level conferences in Texas, Indiana and Washington and national/international meetings for organizations including Auditory-Verbal International, AG Bell and CEC. She also contributes to publications and journals. Maura is currently the President of *OPTION Schools, Inc.*, a collective of member schools and programs implementing a listening and spoken language approach.

### **Kim Hamren, MA Ed, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT: Early Intervention Specialist, Parent Infant Coordinator**

Kim has worked at Listen and Talk since 1997. She is the parent infant coordinator and also provides auditory-verbal early intervention services. In the past Kim has served as a preschool teacher, Auditory Verbal therapist, and preschool coordinator. She received her Teacher of the Deaf certification and her B.S. in Education in 1980 and her MA Ed. in Early Childhood Special Ed. in 1992, both degrees from the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln. She became a LSLS Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist in 2003. Kim has presented at the Alexander Graham Bell and Early Hearing, Detection and Intervention (EHDI) national conventions as well as WASHA and local NAEYC workshops.

### **Sandy Robinson, MS, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT: Speech Language Pathologist, Therapy Coordinator**

Sandy has worked as a speech-language pathologist and auditory-verbal therapist at Listen and Talk since 2001. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1997 with a MS in Communication Sciences and Disorders and earned certification as Certified Auditory-Verbal therapist/Listening and Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS) in 2005. Sandy has provided internship experiences for many graduate speech-language pathology students seeking auditory-verbal training and has mentored professionals seeking LSLS certification. She currently leads a LSLS certification study group for Listen and Talk staff members. Sandy has also taught Audiology in the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) program at Shoreline Community College.

### **Monika-Maria Oster, MA, CED, Teacher of the Deaf, Early Intervention Specialist**

Monika-Maria (Mona) has worked at Listen and Talk since the summer of 2004. She currently provides auditory-verbal early intervention services and educational consultations through the partnership project. Mona received a degree in special education/deaf education from the University of Education Heidelberg, Germany in 2002, and in 2004 a master's degree in early intervention in deaf education from Fontbonne University in St. Louis, MO. Currently she is working toward the LSLS Cert AVT certification. She has presented at the Alexander Graham Bell national convention, the International Conference on Infant Studies as well as at local workshops/teacher inservices.