

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month Coffee Break Webinar Series

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month! In celebration, the Office of Head Start's Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative is joining the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to host a coffee break webinar series to celebrate this year's theme "Communication for All." Throughout the month of May, ASHA partners with national and local stakeholders to engage in a multifaceted public education campaign to raise awareness about the critical need to intervene early when young children are identified with communication disorders.

The [Coffee Break Webinars](#) will focus on raising awareness about the importance of frequent hearing screenings, language development, and family engagement. The webinars will feature speakers that receive funding for various projects through grants and cooperative agreements from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Administration for Children and Families. Please click [here](#) for presenter bios.

There is no pre-registration to join the webinars. Click on the links below when you are ready to join.

- Monday, May 7, 2018, 2:00-2:15 p.m. EDT
What You Need to Know About Quality Hearing Screening for Children Birth to Five Years of Age
Will Eiserman, Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative,
<http://infanthearing.org/earlychildhood/>
Click here to join the webinar: <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Thursday, May 10, 2018, 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. EDT
Family Engagement: Living It Out in the Real World
Janet DesGeorges, Co-founder and Executive Director of Hands & Voices,
www.handsandvoices.org
Click here to join the webinar: <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Monday, May 14, 2018, 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. EDT
Unplug and Engage: Creating Language Rich Everyday Routines at Home
Juliann Woods, Ph.D., Professor and Researcher at Florida State University School of Communication Science and Disorders, <http://firstwordsproject.com>
Click here to join the webinar: <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Thursday, May 17, 2017, 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. EDT
Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Strategies to Promote Children's Language Development
Rosa Milagros Santos, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Special Education the University of Illinois, <https://provost.illinois.edu/staff-directory/santos-rosa-milagros/>
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