

# THE VALUE OF COLLABORATING WITH AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

## WHAT WE DO

**Audiologists** provide patient-centered care in the prevention, identification, diagnosis, and evidence-based treatment of hearing, balance, and other auditory disorders for people of all ages.

**Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)** provide services to individuals with a variety of speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing differences and disorders. Types of services include prevention, assessment, treatment, and consultation.

# HOW WE ADD VALUE

**The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)** represents 198,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.

Audiologists and SLPs use their expertise on teams in healthcare and education settings to address the impact of conditions like fetal alcohol syndrome, depression, and diabetes on hearing and communication.

Audiologists and SLPs also play a critical role in addressing other conditions/syndromes across the life span as well as contributing expertise to procedures/processes. Examples include:

## **Audiologists**

- Aural (re)habilitation
- Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)
- Cochlear Implants
- Dizziness and Balance
- Early hearing loss detection and intervention (EHDI)
- Head injuries
- Hearing Loss
- Intraoperative Monitoring (IOM)
- Middle ear disorders
- Noise-induced hearing loss
- Ototoxic effects
- Skull-based tumors
- Tinnitus management

## **Speech-Language Pathologists**

- Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)
- Aural (re)habilitation
- Autism
- Cleft palate
- Craniofacial interventions
- Dementia
- Developmental disability
- Early hearing loss detection and intervention (EHDI)
- Head and neck cancer
- Individualized education program (IEP)
- Individualized family service plan (IFSP)
- Spoken language and literacy
- Response to intervention (RTI)
- Stroke rehabilitation
- Swallowing and nutrition
- Traumatic brain injury rehabilitation

## **VISIT [www.asha.org/IPE-IPP](http://www.asha.org/IPE-IPP) TO:**

- learn about the roles of audiologists and speech-language pathologists as part of interprofessional teams
- explore opportunities for collaborating with audiologists and speech-language pathologists on interprofessional education and practice teams
- learn how ASHA is fostering interprofessional education and interprofessional practice in health care and school (K–12) settings
- partner with ASHA to disseminate information about interprofessional teaming

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