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May is Better  
Hearing & Speech  
Month



The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has designated May as Better Hearing and Speech Month – a time to raise awareness about communication disorders. A primary disorder familiar to many is hearing loss, a condition that, if not managed, can negatively impact childhood development, employment, education and general well-being.



### How prevalent is hearing loss?

According to the Hearing Loss Association of America:

- About 20 percent of Americans, 48 million people, report some degree of hearing loss
- Nearly 2-3 of every 1000 children are hard of hearing or deaf
- 60 percent of the people with hearing loss are either in the work force or educational settings
- At age 65, 1 in 3 people has a hearing loss.

Click [here](#) to find out more about how hearing loss is defined and measured.



### What are the signs of hearing loss?



Sometimes we wonder if our hearing is getting worse, especially as we get older. If you or a loved one is concerned about your ability to hear clearly, there are some symptoms you should look for. Click [here](#) to find out what they are.



### How do I know if my child is hearing properly?

If you are concerned about potential hearing loss in a child or infant, the best advice is to see your doctor right away. Here is a link to some important [information](#) about hearing loss in babies and children.

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