

## What Does the Consultation Provide?

- **Consultation** from experts in auditory-oral and auditory-verbal educational services.
- **Professional development** and capacity building for school staff.
- **Formal/Informal Assessment** of oral students placed in general education classrooms.
- Assistance in **IEP development** for students with hearing loss.
- **Support** for classroom teachers, support staff and families.
- **Written summaries** of observations and action plans.

## What is the District's Responsibility?

- Assign a **contact person** who can coordinate the visit
- Encourage **staff** who work with the student to share openly and honestly about their perspectives
- Arrange for a **debriefing meeting** at the end of the visit with staff and parents
- If the consultant requires **per diem** expenses, districts are responsible for the reimbursement of: lodging, meals, and mileage

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# Supporting Students with Hearing Loss

## A Partnership



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## Empowering Local Communities through Consultations...



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. A number of these children will rely on spoken language to communicate and learn as their families have participated in auditory-oral deaf education or auditory-verbal therapy.

These students will come to your schools and classrooms with unique needs, and the State of Washington recognizes that there are limited resources to support these children. **WSD** and **Listen and Talk** have entered into an exciting partnership that has resulted in a project responding to the needs of not only students with hearing loss, but to the needs of the school community as well.

*Funds are limited, but services through this program are available at little-to-no cost to your district or school.*

*Please note, partnership consultation is only available to students who are currently receiving services in a setting in which an IEP team has reached consensus regarding that placement.*

## Student Needs

Luckner and Muir (2002) identified that collaboration between specialists and general education teachers is critical to the success of students with hearing loss in neighborhood schools. With funding provided by **WSD**, your school will team with experts in auditory-verbal therapy and auditory-oral deaf education to help assess the needs of students with hearing loss and develop/implement an appropriate plan to meet the educational needs of those students. **Children 3-12 years old with all degrees of hearing loss may be eligible to participate in this program.**

## Professional Needs

Professional training in auditory options for children with hearing loss has been limited. Therefore, many schools face the challenge of equipping their staff to work with and support an oral student who is deaf or hard of hearing. **Listen and Talk** will provide your staff with access to information and mentoring in auditory techniques and teaching strategies that optimize the educational experience for students with hearing loss. Not only will students receive needed services, staff will gain valuable training that will enable them to meet the needs of students in the future.



## Community Needs

Local schools are in a unique position to positively impact communities by preparing students today to be leaders tomorrow. **Listen and Talk** and **WSD** are in a unique position to partner and provide communities with resources that would otherwise not be available.

We look forward to working with your school to provide a brighter future for students, professionals, and communities across the State of Washington.

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