



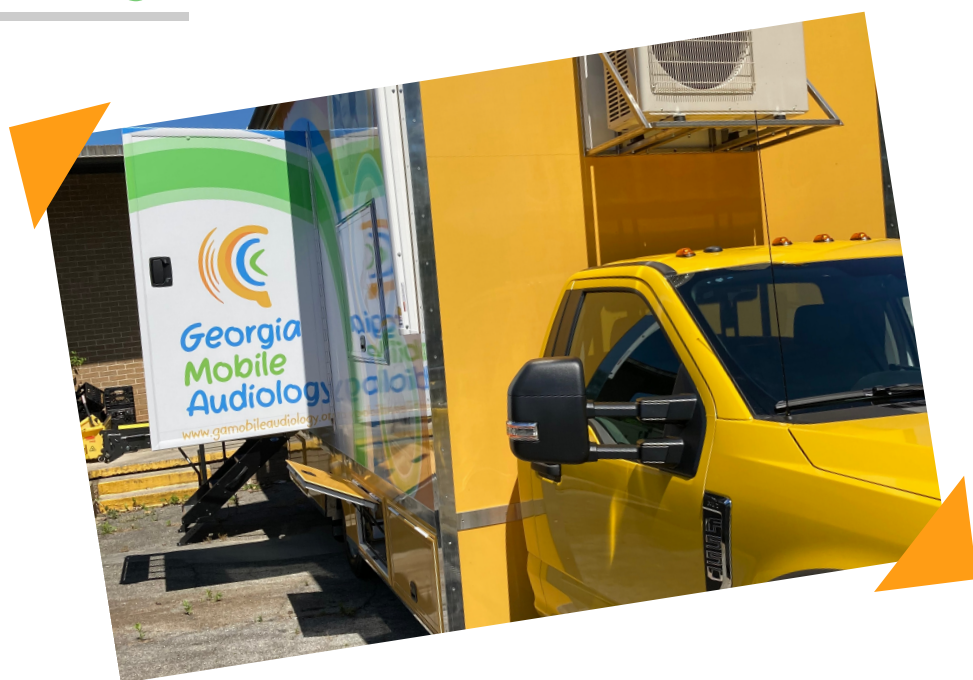
# GEORGIA MOBILE AUDIOLOGY

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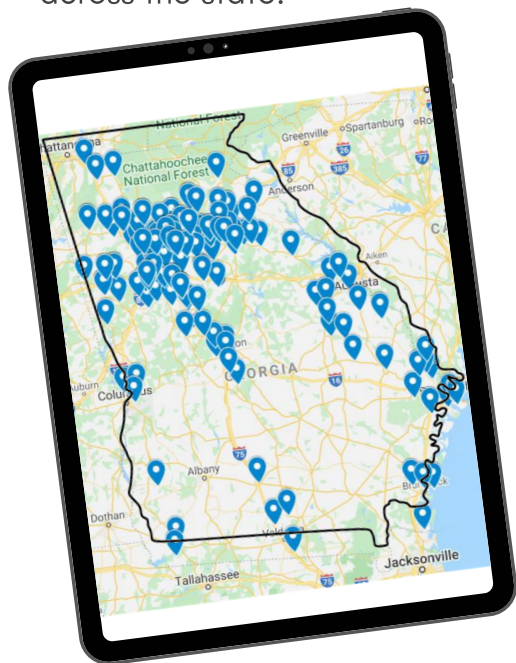
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# Meeting the needs of Georgia's Children



Georgia Mobile Audiology provides comprehensive audiological testing and services, including family education, to children who do not have access to pediatric audiologists due to a shortage of these professionals in the state. With our new, fully equipped mobile audiological clinic, we'll be able to serve children of all ages from 0-22 and engage with families and professionals in areas that are not currently fully accessible. We are collaborating with the Georgia Public Library Service Directors, Dept. of Public Health, and various school systems to reach the highest need areas across the state.



In response to COVID-19, a Georgia non-profit started a hearing aid battery program for children in need; they asked Mobile Audiology to distribute the information through our network. We were able to help over 275 Georgia families since the stay-in-place order began. To the left is a map of family requests for batteries. The entire program was completely online and batteries delivered directly to front doors, so families didn't have to risk leaving their homes just to make sure their kids could hear.

## Quick Facts:

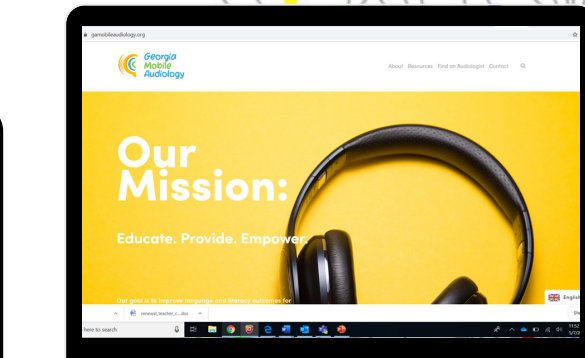
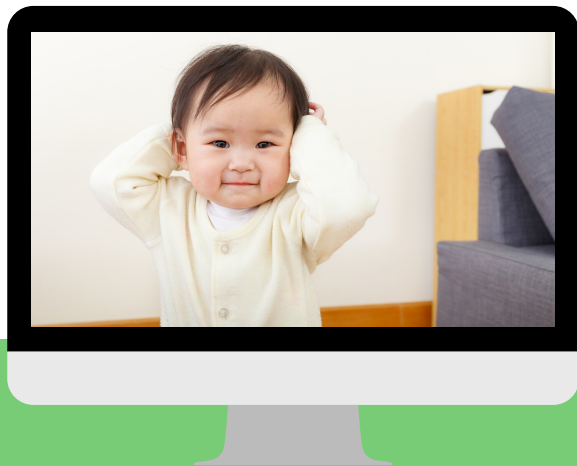
- Our fully equipped mobile audiology clinic is solar-powered and can recharge anywhere where there is sunlight. Because of its solar capacity (and yellow color), we've nicknamed it "Sunny"
- Before "Sunny" came, Georgia Mobile Audiology used portable equipment to test children in and outside of Atlanta. Starting in December 2019 (up to March 2020), we've screened or tested 101 children for hearing loss.
- Deaf children who are identified by 3 months of age have the potential to meet age-appropriate outcomes in language and literacy. Early identification and intervention can save the state of Georgia \$115,000 in special education costs over the student's educational career.

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# NETWORK & TRAINING



We can't reach our goals alone. Families of children with hearing loss may interact with multiple agencies, non-profits, and private programs before their child ever reaches school age. This can be confusing for families and frustrating for professionals who may not know the importance of their role or the urgency needed in decision-making to maximize a child's eventual academic outcomes.

Technology has allowed us to connect with professionals in a brand new way.

We created an online professional network of Georgia's pediatric audiologists around the state to support collaboration and offer professional development opportunities to encourage best practices in the field. Currently, 79 pediatric audiologists are participating in the online network. Additionally, since COVID-19, we've begun to transition all of our trainings to a virtual format and will be available online. By request, we've offered and provided training to 57 professionals on newborn hearing screening, follow-up infant evaluation training, professional training for audiologists in educational audiology, and a toolkit for hearing screenings in schools. We will develop more trainings for special education professionals and professionals who support screenings and evaluations of infants. Participants will be able to sign up online at our website [www.gamobileaudiology.org](http://www.gamobileaudiology.org).

## Did you Know?

Georgia Mobile Audiology has a **Family Education program!**

We've partnered with various Georgia agencies who have agreed to share their content on family education. Our partners who are providing content for family education include:

[Access to Language \(AtL\)](#)

[Atlanta Area School for the Deaf](#)

[Atlanta Speech School](#)

[Read Right From the Start](#)

[Talk With Me Baby.](#)



## JASON CUNNINGHAM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

# Hearing Aid Battery Program

### Response to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, the Jason Cunningham Charitable Foundation (JCCF) created a hearing aid battery program in response to a need for children to have working devices while out of school and during the stay-at-home order issued by Governor Kemp. JCCF is accepting donations, raising funds, and distributing batteries to children ages 0-22 who need batteries for their hearing technology (for hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, etc.) through January 2021 or as long as the stay-in-place order remains. JCCF is partnering with the Georgia Mobile Audiology program to get the word out to audiologists and teachers across the state of Georgia and for distribution.



**Did you know?  
Most families who  
receive batteries  
through Medicaid  
have to show up  
in person to  
collect. The  
COVID-19 stay-in-  
place order  
makes that  
difficult for many  
families**

If you are a teacher, audiologist, or concerned family member and are worried about a child, ages 0-22, who is in need of batteries for their hearing technology during the COVID-19 stay-in-place order, please reach out.

Please [click here](#) to fill out the form or use the QR Code to the right. Be prepared to provide family information, number of devices, device information, and battery size.



Please contact the Jason Cunningham Charitable Foundation to [donate](#) or to receive more information.



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