



GEORGIA MOBILE AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE GEORGIA MOBILE AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM (MAP)?

Georgia's Mobile Audiology Program (MAP) is funded by the Georgia Legislature and the GA Department of Education, State Schools Division. MAP is charged with addressing the shortage of available pediatric audiology services to ensure that children with hearing loss in Georgia can reach their full potential in language and literacy.

Our goals for Georgia's Mobile Audiology Program (MAP) are to ensure that:

- Families have equal access to audiological services
- The overall rate of children lost to follow-up goes down and does not disproportionately affect children in rural areas
- School-aged children receive timely ongoing care and management

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO WILL MAP PROVIDE SERVICES TO?

- Children birth to 22 years of age
- Children living outside of Metro Atlanta with lack of audiological care near their home
- Professionals who are interested in professional development

WHAT SERVICES WILL MAP PROVIDE?

- Newborn hearing screening follow-up
- Diagnostic non-sedated Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) evaluations
- Diagnostic behavioral testing
- Hearing aid management
- Family education
- Community outreach
- Care coordination

WHEN WILL MAP BEGIN PROVIDING SERVICES?

Our projected date for the arrival of the mobile clinic is January 2020, but that isn't going to keep us from providing services! We will be supporting school districts who would like to start-up mass hearing screening programs as well as providing hearing screenings for school-aged children.

INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM MAP?

Click [here](#) or scan our QR code to tell us how we can help!





GEORGIA HAPPENINGS

- **Fulton County Board of Health** offers hearing testing for all ages, including newborn hearing screenings. They accept all insurances and will also see patients who are uninsured. Just call 404-612-1655 to schedule an appointment.
- **Auditory Verbal Center** offers teletherapy, allowing families from all over Georgia (& beyond!) to participate in this specialized type of speech therapy.
- Georgia does not mandate mass hearing screenings for school-aged children except upon school entry and other special circumstances. MAP is excited to be working in partnership with several departments and agencies to help support school districts who want to start-up a mass hearing screening program.
- Many commercial insurances do not cover the cost of hearing aids. **Georgia Lighthouse Foundation** provides financial assistance for families within 400% of the federal poverty guidelines.

RESOURCE CORNER

- Hearing Management and Intervention:
 - www.hearingfirst.org
 - www.successforkidswithhearingloss.com
- American Sign Language (ASL):
 - www.signingtime.com
 - www.youtube.com/user/AMPresources
- Georgia Pines: www.gapines.org/eg/opac/home
- Literacy: www.readrightfromthestart.org
- Talk With Me Baby: www.talkwithmebaby.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- Children who are identified and receive Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) services earlier have better outcomes in language, literacy, and academics.¹
- It is estimated that total education expenditures were 22% lower for children who were screened at birth.²
- The prevalence of hearing loss in children birth to 5 years is 3 in 1000, and it increases to 9 in 1000 for school-aged children.³
- 90 to 95 percent of children who are DHH are born to hearing parents.⁴
- Common signs of hearing loss include:
 - Delayed speech and language development
 - Watches others before beginning a task in order to imitate actions
 - Watches speaker's lips
 - Habitually speaks too loudly or too softly
 - Turns the TV/tablet volume up loudly

¹ NCHAM Fact Sheet, 2010

³ White, 2010

² Grosse & Ross, 2006

⁴ Mitchell, 2003



QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?

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