

Auditory Outreach News

April 2026

STT Follow Up Survey

Students who have current speech to text equipment loans will soon receive a short survey about their experience using the equipment. The survey will be sent to TDHHs with a request to share it with participating students. This feedback is essential in demonstrating the impact of the equipment, informing ongoing improvements, and supporting advocacy to the Ministry of Education for continued funding of this initiative.

Complete the survey now: [AO PRP Post STT Survey](#)

Spice for Life 2 Training

Auditory Outreach is pleased to offer a Spice for Life 2 asynchronous professional learning opportunity. This course is a total of 5 hours of viewing time, with a flexible two-week completion window starting this Monday; from April 20 to May 3.

We still have a few spots available, so please email lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca if you are interested. This workshop is designed to teach SLPs and TDHHs techniques to help children with hearing loss listen in everyday situations. Participants learn an overview of skills including: improving auditory memory and comprehension, listening with technology, conversing, listening in noise, localizing sounds and more. For more information on the Spice for Life Program click [HERE](#).

Participating districts/ schools are responsible for purchasing the materials and Auditory Outreach will cover the workshop registration fees thanks to a generous grant from the Ministry of Education and Childcare of B.C.

Loan Reports

In the next month, Auditory Outreach will send each school district and independent school an up to date report of all equipment loans. We appreciate you carefully reviewing these reports to ensure accuracy.



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What's New

- Audiotech Crystal Pierce has returned from maternity leave. Hooray!!!
- We've created a new [Digimaster Easysheet](#) to upgrade the firmware. This update is a quick fix that has been solving lots of issues!
- Our Cochlear Connections Club is hosting a panel of adult CI users on April 30th to share their experiences and answer student questions. If you have an interested student with CIs who would like to attend, please reach out.

Reminders

- For faster processing of requests, please use our website to obtain the most up to date forms; older versions are often missing important information. [UPDATED FORMS](#)
- If a student is bi-modal (CI and hearing aid) please ensure the CI Audiologist is included and aware of any new equipment requests or exchanges.
- Include contact name and building name for the shipping address on request forms.
- Please let us know if your accessory/ emergency equipment kit is running low on items, like lanyards or bumpers, by emailing info@auditoryoutreach.ca

Focus Groups

Auditory Outreach will be hosting two focus group sessions in May/ June. One with TDHHs and school teams, and another with Audiology teams. Our goal is to survey our partners about various administrative processes, forms, projects, ideas, etc. If you are interested in participating, please email lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca.

Community Events



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

School of Audiology & Speech Sciences
Faculty of Medicine

Does your child use a hearing aid?

Join our study of speech processing

STUDY DETAILS

Duration: May 15, 2025 - May 15, 2027

Participation involves:

- A hearing test
- Listening to a series of sounds and picking which one is different

The study takes approximately 60 minutes

ELIGIBILITY

To participate, you must be:

- 8 to 18 years of age or older
- Have a hearing aid in one or both ears
- Use English as the primary language

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact Dr. Doug Sladen at

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FNDC Events : <https://www.fndc.ca/whatshappening>

CI Camp: <https://www.listenfoundation.org/campinformation/>

ACI Alliance Conference: <https://www.acialliance.org/page/ci2026chicago>

CIICA Events/ Conference: <https://ciicanet.org/events/>