

Auditory Outreach News

December 2024

Happy Holidays!

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to supporting students throughout the year. This December, Auditory Outreach is excited to share some wonderful updates to help kick off the new year with renewed energy and inspiration.

In the upcoming months, we will be offering new PD opportunities, and launching the first virtual CI student group!

To show our appreciation for your continued dedication, as soon as the Canada Post strike ends we're sending a special holiday (possibly new year) gift with several in demand accessories, so you have quick access and don't need to fill in request forms. We plan to send one bundle to each district. More details to come!

Please note, our offices are closed between December 23-30, so please avoid sending shipments that will arrive during this time. We hope you enjoy the upcoming winter break, and we look forward to partnering with you in the new year as we continue to foster growth, learning, and success for all students!



What's New?

- Auditory Outreach is proudly hosting our first Cochlear Connections Crew virtual group for teens with bilateral cochlear implants. This group has been selected based on criteria including age and language goals. We will be adding more groups next year, so stay tuned!
- Canada Post strike: We are continuing to process urgent requests and are committed to ensure all students have access to equipment. Exchanges and accessories will be delayed until after the strike ends. Thank you for your understanding as courier costs are significantly more than Canada Post. I might have to borrow Santa's sleigh!

AO PRP Webinar: Cochlear Implants 101 January 15, 2025

The Auditory Outreach Team will be hosting an informative webinar with two audiologists from the BCCH CI team to talk all about Cochlear Implants: How they work, best practice for classroom use, mapping processes and exciting new research topics.

Please join us on January 15th from 12-1pm.

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Reminders

- On requests, please make sure the shipping address is correct and includes the building name and contact person.
- If a student moves to a different school district, independent school, or different audiology clinic, a new Permission to Share consent form, signed by parent/ legal guardian is required. If there are multiple audiology clinics involved, please ensure they are all listed on the form.
- Please replace tubes and domes for Roger Focus receivers at least every 3 months to ensure optimal functioning. A set of tubes and domes are included with the initial loan. Replacements can be requested from the public health audiology clinic.
- When using the Roger Installer, please make sure any hearing aids or CI processors within 3 meters are turned off, including personal hearing aids and processors.
- Broken accessories (non serial-numbered items) can be recycled or disposed of instead of returning back to AO-PRP.
- Please check with us (info@auditoryoutreach.ca) before sending equipment back to confirm that it belongs to us. Having to ship personal equipment back to clinics is an expensive and unnecessary task with an already stretched shipping budget.

News and Info

- For students new to Auditory Outreach, we are required to confirm registration status and student info (legal name, DOB, PEN) with schools directly. We appreciate you letting schools know to expect an email from us.
- Along with the other Provincial Outreach Programs, Auditory Outreach hosted the first annual POPCon Oct 25th. With over 2000 participants and many inspiring and educational sessions, it was a huge success. You can expect us to be back next year with more exciting sessions!
- Invoices for equipment losses incurred during the 2023-2024 school year have just been sent to district administrators. Please let us know if you have questions and we appreciate prompt payment.

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CI Networking Opportunities

Young Adults with CI: Navigating Post-Secondary Education

Date: Tue Dec 10 12pm to 1pm Pacific Time

Location: Zoom

Link: <https://ciicanet.org/events/young-adults-with-ci-navigating-post-secondary-education/>

Listen Foundation CI Camp

Dates: June 26-29, 2025 CI Recipients Entering 5th Grade – 2025 High School Graduates

July 24-27, 2025 CI Recipients Age 3 – Entering 4th Grade

Location: YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado

Link: <https://www.listenfoundation.org/camp-what-to-expect/>

Registration opens: Fri Jan 24, 2025

Alexander Graham Bell Leadership Opportunities for Teen (LOFT) Program

Date: July 29-Aug 2, 2025 for high school students ages 14 to 18

Location: Washington, D.C.

Link : <https://agbell.org/student-programs/loft-2025/>

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