

COMMUNICATION EXPLORERS

Summer Program for Young Children who are Deaf / Hard of Hearing



Communication Explorers, formerly called Listen and Speak Up, focuses on communication skills for children ages 3-6 who are Deaf / Hard of Hearing. Individualized treatment plans are developed for each child and targeted in group and one-on-one therapy sessions.

We invite 3-6 year-olds who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing to apply for Communication Explorers. All communication modalities are welcomed.

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am-12 pm, June 9 through July 17, 2025.

Location: Sessions are held in the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City.

Program structure: Fun, age-appropriate activities to enhance communication skills are provided by graduate clinicians under the supervision of licensed Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Participants also benefit from sessions with Music Therapy and Physical Therapy graduate students. Families are encouraged to attend weekly sessions to learn strategies to use at home.

Fees: Some or all costs may be covered depending on individual insurance plans. Our clinic submits claims to a large number of carriers. A sliding fee scale is also available for families who qualify.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Clinic in advance by calling 319.335.8736 or Emailing CSD-WenjoClinic@uiowa.edu.

Registration information

Enrollment is limited to ensure rich experiences for all participants. Families are encouraged to apply by submitting an application by Friday, May 9th. A co-director will contact you to discuss your child's communication and goals to ensure the program is a good fit.

For registration materials, please reach out to one of the co-directors below.

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