

Did You Know...

- Hearing loss is the most frequently occurring birth defect.
- Every day, 33 babies (or 12,000 babies each year) are born in the United States with permanent hearing loss.
- Nine out of every 10 children who are born deaf are born to parents who can hear.
- Infants with hearing loss can be fit with amplification before they are one month old.
- The first six months are the most crucial to a child's development of language skills.
- Early intervention is the key to lifelong success in learning for all children.
- Between six and eight million people in the United States have some form of language impairment.

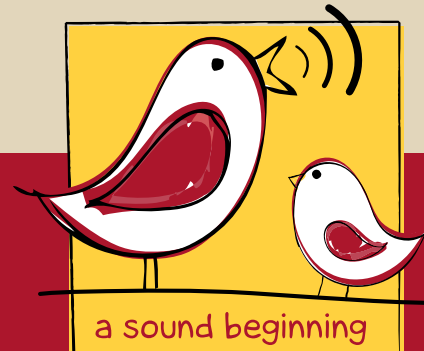
Statistics compiled from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD).



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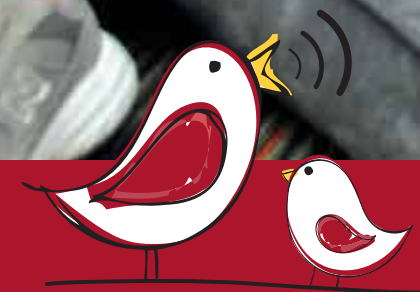


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Lexington Hearing & Speech Center Takes the Business of Changing Lives Seriously...

... changing children’s lives, the lives of their parents and family members and the lives of Kentuckians of all ages who face the daily challenges associated with hearing or language impairment. Lexington Hearing & Speech Center (LHSC), a private, 501(c) (3) nonprofit agency, has more than 50 years’ experience working with individuals of all ages with hearing, speech or language impairments. Our primary mission is to teach children with hearing, speech and language impairments to listen and talk. We do this by providing high-quality educational, clinical and family support services. Our teachers, audiologists and speech and language professionals are profoundly impacted by the experience of giving the gift of voice and communication to those whom we serve.

We want you to hear their stories...

We want you to hear the sound of their voices...

We hope you will listen...

More importantly, we want to invite you to experience the joy of giving a voice to those in need.



- **1960** – Jimmy and Edie Frankel founded the Lexington Deaf Oral School, a preschool for children with hearing loss, creating an alternative to the state residential school for the deaf.
- **1969** – The Board of Directors purchased a house at 158 North Ashland Avenue to house the Lexington Deaf Oral School, previously housed at Temple Adath Israel.
- **1978** – The name was officially changed to Lexington Hearing & Speech Center to better reflect the diversity of the programs offered. Expanded programming included audiological and speech/language

The Campaign

Giving Kentuckians a Voice

Funds required for this project are well beyond what can be provided through our normal budgetary process. In order to fund this project, LHSC is embarking upon a three-year, \$2.5 million Capital Campaign, *Giving Kentuckians a Voice*.

The purpose of the Campaign is to help fund the expanded programming and services over the next several years. The goal is to allocate revenue to cover operating expenses and to build a \$500,000 endowment. Our vision is to provide enhanced educational and clinical services over the coming years to meet the growing need for all LHSC programs.



Your Invitation to Invest in the Future

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center invites you to be a part of making these life-changing improvements become a reality. As the rate of modern advancements in speech and audiology services progresses and the population increases, it is imperative that LHSC keep pace with changes in technology in order to continue offering the quality services for which we are known, as well as keeping abreast of new programs and services as they develop.

Philanthropy has been a significant factor throughout the history of Lexington Hearing & Speech Center, beginning with the work of Jimmy and Edie Frankel. LHSC is grateful for the strong support from committed philanthropic donors who understand our organization plays an essential role in contributing to the quality of life for the people in our community and state. The success of the Campaign will be critical to our ability to meet future needs, to upgrade and replace equipment and to continue to provide efficient, state-of-the-art services with an emphasis

upon individual care. Area residents deserve and have come to expect the best from LHSC.

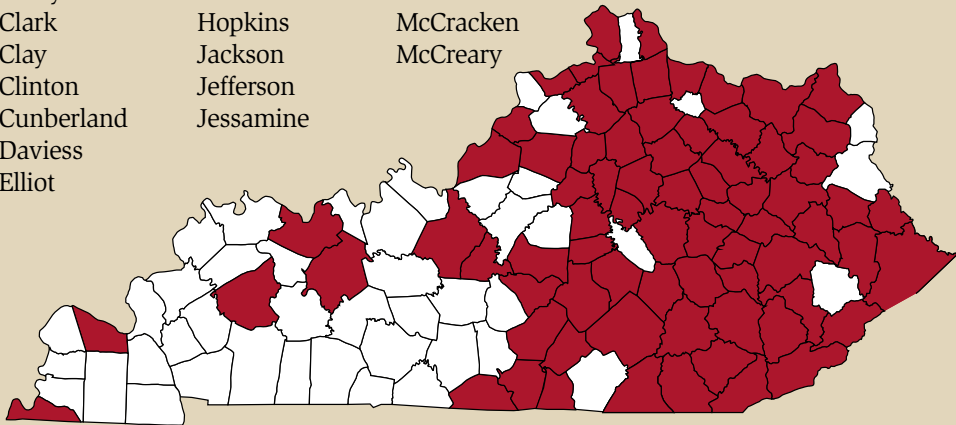
LHSC’s many accomplishments would not be possible without dedicated teachers, clinicians, generous donors, committed staff and passionate employees. It is an honor to serve Kentuckians and to provide for their needs. We are energized by the tremendous potential for the future.

We invite you to learn more. With your help, Lexington Hearing & Speech Center will remain the premiere choice for early education for children and speech and audiology services for all ages in our community and across Central and Eastern Kentucky, *Giving Kentuckians a Voice*.

Thank you for your consideration. *Your gift can sustain the life-changing work of Lexington Hearing & Speech Center.* During the Campaign donors may make one-time gifts or multi-year pledges, with payments spread over three to five years.

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center is honored to have served children, youth and adults from the following 76 Kentucky counties...

Adair	Estill	Johnson	Menifee	Pike
Anderson	Fayette	Knox	Mercer	Powell
Bath	Fleming	Larue	Monroe	Pulaski
Bell	Floyd	Laurel	Montgomery	Rockcastle
Boone	Franklin	Lee	Morgan	Rowan
Bourbon	Fulton	Leslie	Nicholas	Russell
Boyle	Gallatin	Lewis	Ohio	Scott
Bracken	Garrard	Lincoln	Oldham	Shelby
Breathitt	Grant	Madison	Owen	Taylor
Campbell	Greenup	Magoffin	Owsley	Washington
Carroll	Harlan	Marion	Pendleton	Whitley
Carter	Hardin	Martin	Perry	Wolfe
Casey	Harrison	Mason		Woodford
Clark	Hopkins	McCracken		
Clay	Jackson	McCreary		
Clinton	Jefferson			
Cumberland	Jessamine			
Daviess				
Elliot				



Words are powerful! The number of words a child knows and uses when entering school is the best indicator for academic success.

Every individual can, and will, develop listening and spoken language skills.

Listening and Learning Today

The Services We Offer

With an emphasis upon one-on-one interaction, LHSC provides a stimulating environment that builds on each individual's abilities. The focus of LHSC programming falls within three areas: the education programs of the Early Learning Center (ELC), the Audiology Program and the Speech/Language Pathology Program. LHSC has evolved into a quality statewide healthcare provider for persons of all ages, annually providing services to 1,200 families, on average.

Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center (ELC), comprised of Day School, Kindergarten and Preschool programs, allows us to enroll children with hearing, speech and language delays as well as those with age-appropriate speech and hearing development. The ELC also offers early educational programming, day school for children as young as six weeks and a summer camp for school-age children.

We strive for every child to enter Kindergarten or first grade with age-appropriate communication skills, the ability to speak, listen and function in a typical classroom. At LHSC, we meet each child where they are developmentally. Inclusive classroom settings feature a language and literacy-enriched curriculum and small student-to-teacher ratios. Our aim is to prepare each child for individual success. Our classrooms incorporate techniques within early childhood education, listening and spoken language, literacy foundation and sensory integration. Each classroom uses sound fields which maximize listening and learning for all children. LHSC also provides adaptive-listening equipment for children with hearing loss.



Audiology Program

The Audiology Program at Lexington Hearing & Speech Center provides comprehensive hearing healthcare for *all ages*. Audiologists perform diagnostic tests to identify hearing loss in patients. The audiologist helps patients and family members understand test results, the impact of any hearing loss and recommendations for management. Through our Hearing Aid Dispensing Program, audiologists assist with all aspects of hearing devices from selection to troubleshooting, modifying and repairing. In 1990, LHSC implemented the Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation Program in collaboration with the University of Kentucky. This program provides direct and consultative services to clients all over Kentucky. The Cochlear Implant Team consists of an audiologist, speech/language pathologist and the family's medical/surgical team.



Speech-Language Pathology Program

LHSC provides speech-language pathology diagnostic and therapeutic services for infants, preschool and school-aged children. In addition, LHSC offers specialized Listening and Spoken Language speech-language therapy for infants and children with hearing loss.

- **Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT) or the Listening and Spoken Language Approach, is a technique focusing on developing speech, listening and spoken language skills for children with hearing loss.**
- **The Listening and Spoken Language Approach requires a commitment on the part of the parents and families to work with LHSC professionals to stimulate their child's spoken language development throughout the day.**
- **LHSC is the only clinic in the state of Kentucky certified to provide this service.**



"The teachers are not only well trained but also nurturing to kids and passionate about their jobs."

LHSC parent

"We were told at another facility there was no chance of our son improving. There was no further help they could give him. We found our way to LHSC and it was life changing for him and for us as parents. It was a tremendously positive experience and within a few months of him starting here, we were seeing significant improvement."

LHSC parent

Giving a Voice to Future Generations

Sound Beginnings that Last a Lifetime

The local community and a growing number of counties throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky rely heavily on the services of Lexington Hearing & Speech Center. Financial support for programming comes from fees, grants and the generosity of benefactors. Expenses for the Day School, Preschool, Kindergarten, Speech/Language Program and Audiology Program are increasing annually. In order for LHSC to be self-sustaining, funding must be generated from services provided and from donations.

The Need

The ability to communicate and interact with those around us underlies every human experience, especially learning. The ability to hear and communicate via spoken word is the most basic form of interaction. If a child or adult lacks this ability, every aspect of daily life is compromised. Lexington Hearing & Speech Center works hard to ensure every student or client receives the services needed to optimize their individual language, hearing and speech skills to be able to function as active participants in the community. Using the funding sources of insurance, grants and donations, our goal is to ensure no one who needs our services is turned away.

Without additional funding from existing and new donors, it will become much more difficult in the coming years to provide the services for the many families affected by hearing loss and speech-language disorders. Waiting lists exist for both educational and clinical programs at LHSC and will continue to grow as the need for those services increases.

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center is committed to serving clients who have Medicare or Medicaid. Unfortunately, there can be a delay in receiving payment from these providers. LHSC is often forced to write off the cost of services which are never paid. Clients are not billed for these unreimbursed expenses and no one with Medicare or Medicaid is ever turned away. The *Giving Kentuckians a Voice* campaign will help ensure that LHSC is able to continue serving all our clients, regardless of their insurance coverage.



"They change lives. And they change the paradigm of providing services to people who are hearing impaired in Kentucky."

President Bill Clinton

- pathology services for preschoolers and clients of all ages.
- **1980s** – LHSC acquired property on both sides of 158 North Ashland.

- **1985** – LHSC celebrated an expansion project along with its 25th anniversary.
- **1993** – Day care services for younger children established, creating the Early Learning Center.

- **2011** – LHSC moved from North Ashland Avenue to the 70,000-square-foot brick school on Henry Clay Boulevard. This facility has supported our continued growth and expansion within all programs.



These improvements will enhance LHSC's well-earned reputation for a caring attitude and individual attention for all those served as well as meet needs for the future, positioning Lexington Hearing & Speech Center to address the demands of the new millennium.

The Project

A Solid Foundation for Sound Beginnings

Moving to a larger facility has created an exciting opportunity to do even more. To meet the growing need for hearing healthcare services, LHSC is currently planning a program enhancement project slated to begin in late fall, 2015.

This enhancement project will provide upgrades to the existing facilities and services and improve access to all LHSC programs for people living throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky. Planned enhancements will meet our care standards and improve overall facility and scheduling efficiency. Our new location offers opportunities for the development of vital new programs to meet the changing needs of those we serve.

The *Giving Kentuckians a Voice* Campaign will provide support for current programs as well as funding for new or updated services and programs which will address the following goals:

- LHSC's Early Learning Center will have adequate resources, training and facilities to meet our mission of teaching children with hearing and speech disorders to listen and talk.
- LHSC will meet the growing needs of our families and community in the area of hearing and speech/language by expanding clinicians' specializations.
- LHSC will maximize our ability to provide family education, group therapy services, staff and community professional development by creating a dedicated training center.
- LHSC will utilize the most current technologies in all program areas.
- Families across the Commonwealth will have access to LHSC's specialized speech/language therapy and audiological services through the implementation of a tele-health program.
- LHSC will have the resources for future building and program funding needs.



The LHSC team strives to ensure that no one is defined by their communication delay or disorder and that all have the opportunity for a sound beginning.