

SOUND OFF - MARCH 2021

GETTING THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT: DANA'S STORY



After struggling with progressive hearing loss, Dana got a cochlear implant in 2020 and has been receiving audiology services at the Marion Downs Center. Dana shares his experience of struggling with progressive hearing loss, learning about cochlear implants, and adapting to the new technology.

The MDC offers a unique wellness approach to cochlear implant (CI) services. We believe that the consideration of CI candidacy and follow-up should be part of a comprehensive communication needs assessment. We offer multiple options for those struggling with the limitations of hearing aids.

We partner with experienced cochlear implant surgeons for medical evaluation and surgery. All other services are provided in our community-based facility with communication access and support for your needs and goals.

We are grateful to Dana for sharing his experience with us!

[WATCH DANA'S STORY HERE](#)

**MARION'S WAY PRESCHOOL SUMMER 2021
APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**



We are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for Marion's Way Preschool this summer at the Anchor Center for the Blind.

Marion's Way Preschool is an intensive summer preschool program for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing incorporating a language-rich environment and instruction with a focus on developing listening and spoken language skills.

Theme-based learning experiences incorporated into language, cognitive, and literacy activities for children will support social, emotional, and pre-academic development. Technology will optimize auditory access. Parent participation and training will support carryover of these skills to home and family environments.

Eligibility will be made on a first come, first serve basis for children who meet eligibility requirements.

Visit <https://mariondowns.org/marions-way/> for more information or to apply!

If you are interested in the program, please email contact@mariondowns.org or call 303-322-1871 for an application or more information.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

June 15th to July 29th, 2021

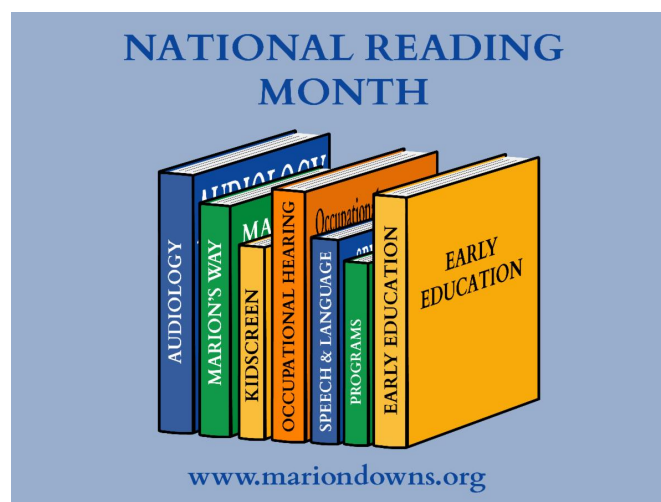
(no class week of July 4th)

Anchor Center for the Blind, 2550 Roslyn St, Denver, CO

Applications are due by April 20, 2021

MARION'S WAY PRESCHOOL APPLICATION

MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH



March is National Reading Month and the Marion Downs Center remains committed to supporting literacy development.

Reading is a fundamental skill. Reading books everyday benefits both children and adults. At the Marion Downs Center, we recognize the importance of reading and language immersion for literacy development. We are proud to support underserved communities in the area of language and literacy through our Early Language and Literacy Outreach (ELLO) program.

Here are some tips for supporting your children's reading development:

Reading with Newborns:

It's never too early to start reading books to your newborn! Start as soon as you get home from the hospital! Reading a book every night to your child exposes them to typical behaviors such as looking at the pictures, turning the page, recognizing that there are words on the page.

Reading with Toddlers:

Expand your discussion beyond the text. Talk about what is happening in the pictures and ask them questions such as "where is the rabbit?" or "who got mad?" to add to the reading experience.

Supporting Preschoolers

Reinforce letter-sound correspondence by pointing out words and the sounds associated with the letters. Sing the alphabet song and point out the first letters in each word. Clap out the syllables

These are just a few of many ways you can expose your children to reading and support their literacy development!

Here is a great resource for parents to learn more about how they can support their children's reading development.

[Reading Rockets for Parents](#)

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER: THOMAS VICKERS



Thomas Vickers works in the Hearing Conservation Program conducting industrial hearing testing and noise measurements. Thomas is a military veteran who has a wide field of experience from electronics to engineering. Thomas holds a B.S. in Business Management from CSU Global.

In his free time, Thomas works on developing software and creating websites. Join us in welcoming Thomas to the Marion Downs Center team!

Support Marion Downs Center

Make a minimum donation of \$250 to receive
Colorado Child Care Tax Credit!

Did you know that you can claim an income tax credit of 50% of total qualifying contributions to promote child

care in Colorado?

Make a minimum donation of \$250 to qualify your donation for the Child Care Tax Credit, and indicate on your donation that you would like to receive the tax credit!

Be sure to make your donation before December 31st to receive your Colorado Child Care Tax Credit form in January.

[MAKE A DONATION](#)



DONATE YOUR USED HEARING DEVICES

Donate your used hearing aids, cochlear implants or assistive listening devices to someone in need through the Marion Downs Center's financial assistance program.

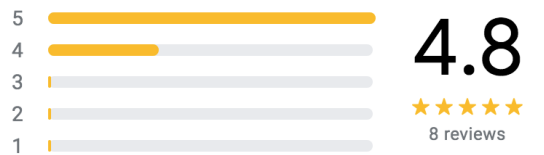
Submit A Review Online!

We continue to expand our visibility in the community in different ways. One way you can help is by submitting a review of our business on Google, Yelp, or Facebook.

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