

## SOUND OFF - AUGUST 2021

### KidScreen: Back in Session for Hearing, Speech, & Vision Screenings



As students return to the classroom, KidScreen is busy with screening services!

KidScreen provides hearing, speech, and vision screenings for schools in the Denver metro area. In a typical year, we provide over 4,000 screenings to children and send reports to families and schools.

The Marion Downs Center strongly believes in the importance of annual screenings, particularly in young children. These screenings can help parents identify potential concerns in language and literacy development and seek professional support as needed.

[Email Us About KidScreen](#)

## Welcome Erica McKiever!



Join us in welcoming Erica McKiever to the Marion Downs Center team! Erica is the KidScreen Coordinator and screening team member at the Marion Downs Center. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Certified Art Therapist by trade with a Master of Arts degree in Expressive Therapies.

After 12 years working as a mental health professional within medical, mental health, and managed care settings, Erica joined the Newborn Hearing Screening Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as the program coordinator and subsequently, as the program supervisor. It was there that she developed her knowledge and experience with hearing screening and the systems necessary to help families benefit from early intervention.

Erica also served as the State's EHDI (Early Hearing, Detection & Intervention) Coordinator and managed two federal program grants which included the development and maintenance of the state database system for tracking newborn hearing screening and follow-up.

Erica is excited to expand her knowledge of hearing, vision, and speech screening for young children as part of the service continuum in helping families obtain the services needed for their children.

**Save the Date: Legacy Fundraiser  
6:30 to 8:00 PM November 5, 2021**

## 2021 Legacy Reception



Save the date for our 2021 Legacy Fundraiser Livestream!

6:30 to 8:00 PM - November 5, 2021

We will stream live music and feature the 2021 Legacy Award recipient!

Stay tuned for more details!

## LEND Grant Renewed! 4th Year Fellowship Applications Due September 10, 2021



The Marion Downs Center collaborates with JFK Partners of University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to provide immersive learning experiences for audiology students through the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) training program.

We are excited to announce that our five-year grant through LEND has been renewed! LEND provides opportunities for supporting trainees, family members, people with disabilities, and professionals.

We are currently accepting applications for our 4th Year AuD Fellowship, due September 10, 2021. Learn more about the application process via our website.

[Learn More About 4th Year AuD Fellowships](#)

## 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.

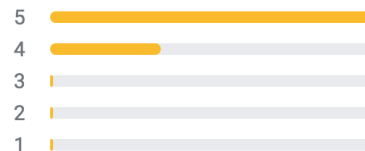
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