

## SOUND OFF - JANUARY 2022

### START THE YEAR WITH HEARING HEALTH



Dr. Caleb Kronen inspects a patient's ear before carrying out another ear mold impression.

Monitoring hearing ability is an important component of healthy living. Hearing is not just the ability to hear soft sounds, but most importantly it is also the ability to hear speech clearly for effective communication. Effective communication is an essential component to a healthy and happy life.

How can you get started with your hearing health?

#### **Get your hearing tested**

- It is recommended adults get their hearing tested every 3-5 years, more frequently once signs of loss are identified.
- The impact of untreated hearing loss includes depression, cognitive decline, and other high risk health conditions.
- Even if you are not experiencing a problem, baseline testing is important!

#### **Hearing Assistive Technology**

- Hearing aids and other sound enhancing technology have made dramatic improvements in recent years.
- It's a great time to learn about the features of new technology.

#### **Refer Your Family and Friends to the Marion Downs Center**

- Hearing tests are generally a health insurance covered benefit.
- All hearing tests at the MDC are performed by audiologists who are committed to improving your knowledge of hearing preservation strategies and communication.

REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT

## MAKING AN IMPACT: KIDSCREEN



Dr. Emory Bratton prepares for a hearing screening with a young child.

KidScreen, a screening program of the Marion Downs Center, provides hearing, vision, speech and language screenings throughout the Denver metro region. For over twenty five years, KidScreen has screened thousands of children at childcare centers, preschools, Early Head Start/Head Start sites, charter schools, and private K-8 schools.

These screenings determine if a child's developmental, academic, and learning skills are on target for their age, or if there is a need for further evaluation. Difficulties in hearing, vision, speech, or language in early childhood results in reduced growth and development in learning, literacy, social skills, and behavior. Early detection is critical.

Most doctors' offices do not offer comprehensive screening for hearing, speech, and functional vision at well child checkups. These screenings are not routinely available to all children through their childcare sites or schools.

We also provide individual screenings in our clinic. Contact us to learn more about KidScreen.

[REQUEST MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KIDSCREEN](#)

## 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATIONAL HEARING CONSERVATION



Marion Downs Center's On-Site Hearing Testing Trailer

Did you know that hearing loss is the most common work-related injury?

For the past 50 years, Marion Downs Center's Occupational Hearing Conservation program has served hundreds of thousands of individuals and hundreds of companies with hearing services including on-site testing, site noise maps, and noise exposure testing.

Our services are simple, fast, accurate, affordable, and customized for companies' individual needs in a variety of industries from food service to manufacturing to public utilities.

Does your company have loud machines? Do you or a loved one work in a loud environment? Call us for more information at 303-322-1871.



Jack Green, Hearing Conservation Technician, uses a noise dosimeter to measure sound levels onsite.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OCCUPATIONAL HEARING](#)

## Support Marion Downs Center



### 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.

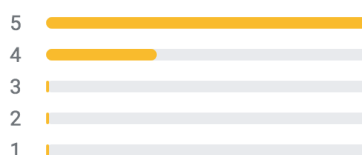
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