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## Marion's Way Summer Camp 2024 registration Applications Due April 15th



We are excited to announce that we are accepting applications for Marion's Way Summer Camp at the Anchor Center in Denver.

The summer camp will be held July 15 to July 25 Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 12 PM with an extended day option.

Marion's Way is an intensive summer enrichment 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.

Our professional team includes Speech-Language Pathologists (LSLS Cert, AVT) Krissa Britsch and Nanette Thompson, DHH teachers Jessi Cooney and Ashley Muniz, and audiologists Sandra Gabbard and Jordan Belanger.

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

Visit [www.mariondowns.org/marions-way](http://www.mariondowns.org/marions-way) to download the application.

You may email your application to [contact@mariondowns.org](mailto:contact@mariondowns.org) or mail it to 4280 Hale Parkway, Denver, CO 80220.

## Goberis DHH Track and Field Day 2024



Registration is now open for the Goberis Deaf and Hard of Hearing Track & Field Day on May 8th.

Visit [www.mariondowns.org/dhhtfd](http://www.mariondowns.org/dhhtfd) to access the registration links and details about the event.

\*\*\* Please note that we have a new location! We will be at the Evie Garrett Dennis Stadium (4800 Telluride St, Denver, CO 80249). Please update your transportation requests with this information. \*\*\*

We have three separate forms for students, student volunteers, and adult volunteers. Please complete the registration form ASAP so we can get an accurate head count.

Spectators, please do not fill out the forms. Please email us at [dhhtfd@mariondowns.org](mailto:dhhtfd@mariondowns.org) for questions or inquiries.

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## WELCOME KATELYN TO THE MDC TEAM!



Join us in welcoming Katelyn Strickland to the team as Clinic Administrative Coordinator!

Katelyn comes to the Marion Downs Center with multiple certificates in Emergency Management through the FEMA and has a Bachelors of Science in Psychology. She spent eight years working with the elderly population in a variety of settings. Before joining the team, Katelyn worked with the general public supporting Crisis Mental Health.

Katelyn's passion is to help others improve their quality of life and enjoys working with older adults. In her free time, she enjoys live music, singing, reading, and watching hockey. Katelyn shares a husky and two cats with her husband, Ryan.

## MDC GOES TO EHDI 2024

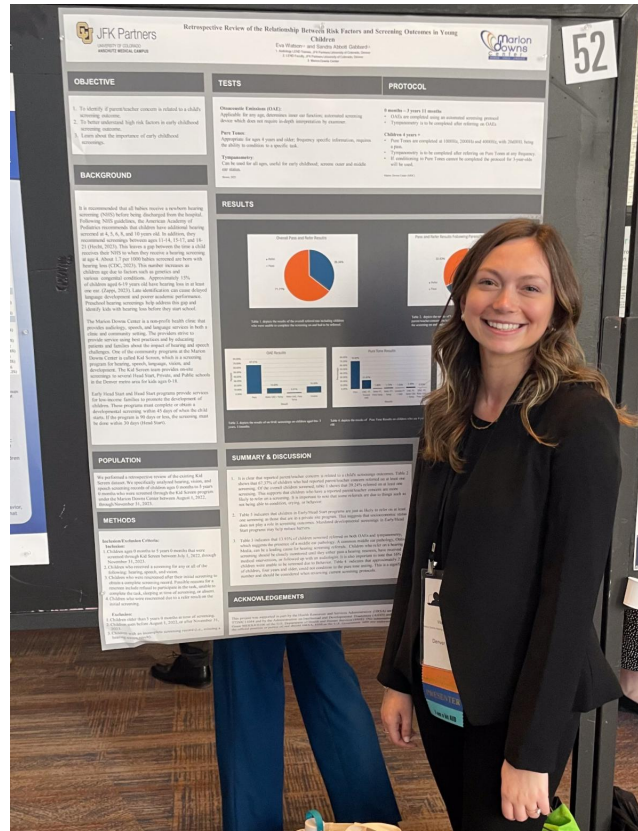


Dr. Sandra Abbott Gabbard, Aaron Rose, and Eva Watson gave a presentation on KidScreen at the annual EHDI (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention) conference in Denver.

Dr. Gabbard provided a historical overview of KidScreen and the background in providing services for early headstart/headstart programs and private daycares and preschools. Eva described our hearing screenings and takeaways from the screening data. Aaron provided context in coordinating and administering the KidScreen program from planning screenings to sharing reports.

EHDI brings together different disciplines in the area of deafness and hearing loss for collaboration, education, and engagement.

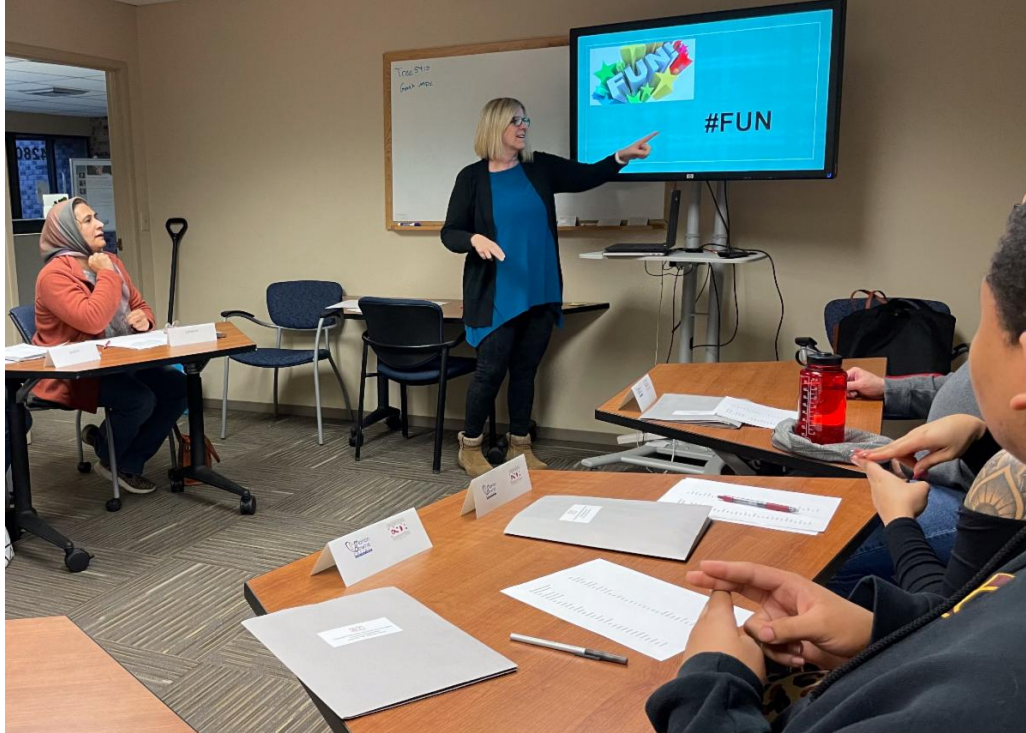
We are grateful for the opportunity to share our perspectives on providing hearing, vision, and speech/language screenings in the Denver metro area.



Eva Watson, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Audiology Fellow, completed her LEND project titled “Retrospective Review of the Relationship Between Risk Factors and Screening Outcomes in Young Children,” which involved analyzing KidScreen screening data to identify high risk factors. Eva presented her poster at EHDI 2024 as part of her LEND grant. LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) provide long-term, graduate level interdisciplinary trainings and interdisciplinary services and care. LEND prepares trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and by ensuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence.

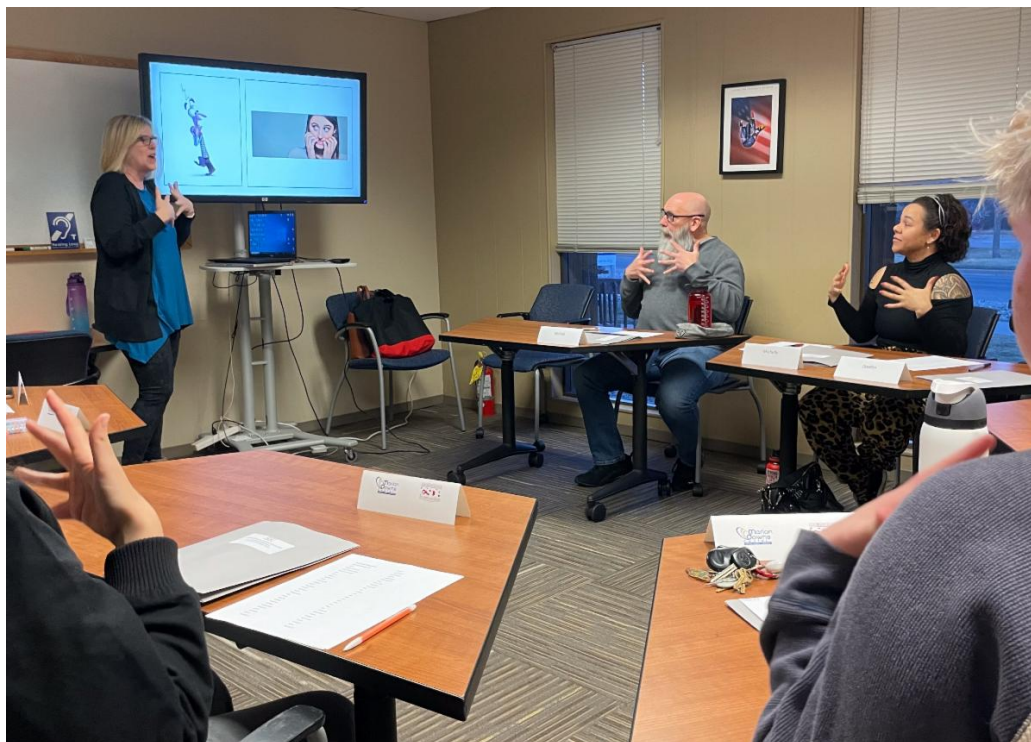
## ASL Classes at the Marion Downs Center





In collaboration with the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, the Marion Downs Center hosted a Beginners I sign language class at the Marion Downs Center.

Dana Baldaviez taught the eight-week course to a group of 11 students and covered a variety of topics including Deaf culture awareness. We extend our appreciation to the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind for the opportunity to offer sign classes!



## Support Marion Downs Center

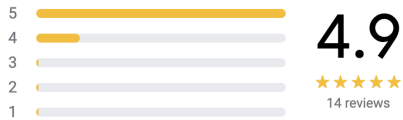
### DONATE YOUR USED HEARING DEVICES

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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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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