



SOUND OFF - MAY 2021

MAY - BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH BUILDING CONNECTIONS



In 1927 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association created Better Speech and Hearing Month to create awareness about hearing health and communication disorders. This year's theme is "building connections."

The Marion Downs Center remains committed to building connections by supporting our patients and the community in regards to hearing health and communication.

This month we held informational sessions in different areas via Zoom. Click on the links below to watch our presentations on YouTube! We encourage you to share these presentations with your friends and family!

MDC PRESENTATIONS

Enhancing Communication in Relationships with Dr. Julie Peterson, AuD

Protecting Hearing in the Music Industry with Dr. Caleb Kronen, AuD

SLP Services at the Marion Downs Center with Sarah Bookout, CCC-SLP

COMING SOON TO YOUTUBE!

Stay Connected at Home With Your Children with Dr. Sandra Abbott Gabbard, PhD

Read our full article on **Better Hearing and Speech Month here**.

GETTING ANSWERS AT THE MDC: ROB'S STORY

Aaron Rose, our marketing & outreach coordinator at the MDC, noticed Rob's difficulties while on a tour in the Colorado backcountry this winter. Rob shared his struggles in noisy

environments and dealing with tinnitus for the past five years. After some encouragement from Aaron, Rob made an appointment at the MDC to get his hearing tested.



Dr. Emory Bratton, our newest clinical audiologist, carried out the hearing evaluation. The test was relatively straightforward and took about fifteen minutes overall.



After the evaluation, Dr. Emory Bratton went over the hearing test results with Rob, explaining how tinnitus can be a symptom of mild to moderate hearing loss.



Now that Rob understands better the level of hearing loss he has as well as the options available, Rob is in a better position to address his newly diagnosed hearing loss and manage his tinnitus, thanks to the help of the Marion Downs Center!



Not sure if you have hearing loss or tinnitus? Don't wait around to get answers! The Marion Downs Center will help you.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

WELCOME EMORY TO THE TEAM!



Dr. Emory Bratton recently received her Doctorate in Audiology from Texas Tech University this past May and is now joining us as a clinical audiologist with the Marion Downs Center.

Dr. Bratton spent the past year with us as our 4th Year Audiology Fellow and we're very excited to have her on our team!

"I enjoy serving both children and adults and helping them communicate and engage successfully with hearing loss. After work I enjoy spending time with my husband and two dogs, hiking, camping, and skiing." - Dr. Emory Bratton, AuD

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.



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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