

## SOUND OFF - SEPTEMBER 2022

### SEPTEMBER IS DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

#### TYPES OF HEARING TECHNOLOGY



Hearing  
Aids



Bone Anchored  
Hearing Aids



Cochlear  
Implants

Hearing challenges present in many different ways. Some individuals have more trouble with hearing loudness and some have more difficulty with speech clarity. The type and degree of hearing loss is evaluated by an audiologist, and technology options and recommendations vary.

Hearing aids are the most common form of hearing technology and serve to amplify sounds using a prescription approach, and generally include various digital options and strategies to optimize clarity.

Bone anchored hearing aids (BAHAs) involve a surgically implanted component and are only recommended for a specific types of hearing challenges that have minimal or no inner or nerve damage.

Cochlear implants are another form of surgically implanted devices, this time involving an internal magnet and an electrode array inserted inside the cochlea. An external processor captures sound and transmits signals through the magnet to the electrode array. It takes time to adapt to the sounds of the cochlear implant for most people, and it often takes multiple visits to “map” or program the cochlear implant for optimal hearing.

# MODES OF COMMUNICATION



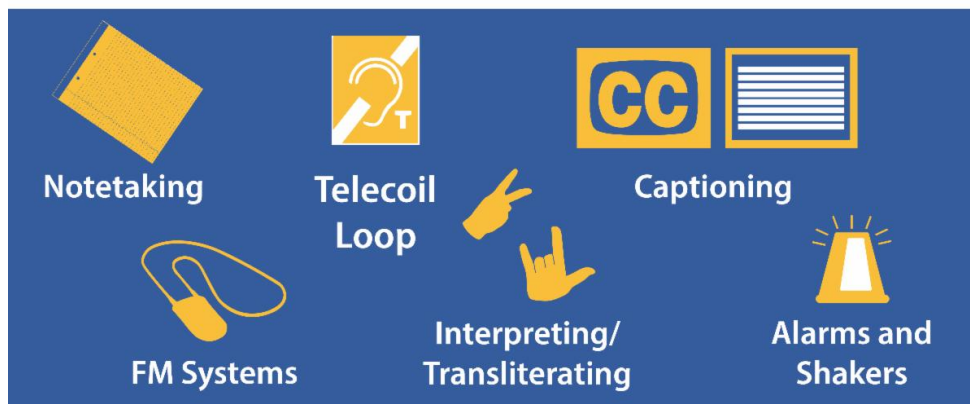
The deaf and hard of hearing community is a diverse group of individuals who use a mix of communication modalities from signing and cueing to speaking and written language. Some are born deaf, and some lose their hearing later in life.

American Sign Language (ASL) is a visual language with different dialects and regional signs. It is a language completely separate and distinct from English. ASL includes its own rules for word formation and word order.

Cued American English was invented to provide direct access to spoken language for literacy development and complements American Sign Language.

Listening and spoken language is communication that includes strategies to optimize access to sound through the use of hearing technology and listening, and uses speech to communicate.

## ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS



Deaf and hard of hearing people can access communication with others and their environment with accommodations. That access can come in auditory, visual, and tactile forms.

Access refers to the ability to get information auditorally, visually, or through tactile means. Access often refer to modes of communication, but can also refer to environmental information such as alarms or the sound of knocking on a door.

Accommodations refer to the types of supports to facilitate access or provide an equitable experience. Captioning services, sign language interpreters, cued language transliterators, FM systems, and notetaking are examples of accommodations people with hearing loss may receive in school or workplace.

[EMAIL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

# SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2022 LEGACY VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER WITH HAZEL MILLER



Mark your calendar for November 10, 2022 when Hazel Miller will perform once again for the Marion Downs Center during our annual Legacy Fundraiser.

We will be virtual this year. Stay tuned for more details on our event!

## WELCOME TO OUR PATIENT CARE COORDINATOR, MADDY HALLADAY!



Maddy Halladay, Patient Care Coordinator

Join us in welcoming our new patient care coordinator – Maddy Halladay!

Maddy was born in Palm Beach Gardens, found in the sunny state of Florida. Living only minutes away from the beach for most of her life in her hometown of Jupiter, Maddy spent her free time surfing, paddle boarding, or just playing fetch on the beach with her dogs.

Maddy decided to pursue a higher education at her dream college, the University of Florida. Graduating with a bachelor's degree in Sociology, she made the decision to move out of her home-state and drive from Florida to Colorado with her dog and cat.

After working for a corporate resort company in Colorado, Maddy wanted to find a job that would fulfill her need to give back and help people. Maddy is a proud pet mom of her tortoiseshell cat Kit Kat and her corgi Ellie Mae. Her hobbies include bike riding, snowboarding, reading, and spending time with her animals.

We're glad to have you on our team!

## WE'RE HIRING - KIDSCREEN TEAM MEMBER



Are you looking for a flexible, part-time job working with kids? The Marion Downs Center is looking for a KidScreen team member to perform screenings with young children. Click the button below to learn more or apply online on Indeed.com

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## LIVING WELL WITH HEARING LOSS SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 1:30 to 3:00 PM



Join us for our fourth Living Well with Hearing Loss (LWHL) class of the year at the Marion Downs Center on September 30 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

Our topics will include assistive listening devices, communication strategies, self-advocacy, hearing technology, and more!

Participants will have the opportunity to ask an audiologist questions.

Our LWHL classes are free to the public and are intended for individuals with hearing loss and their family members/friends.

Space is limited – RSVP today!

[REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER LWHL](#)

## Support Marion Downs Center

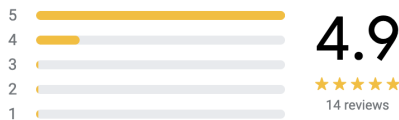
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## USED HEARING DEVICES

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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