Are you concerned about your child’s hearing?

Hearing difficulties can occur at any age and may affect a child’s ability to communicate and learn

A child’s hearing may change over time, often without the child, parent or teacher noticing.

Research indicates that up to 15% of primary school children may be affected by some level of hearing loss (Hearing Schools Study, 2005). That’s why it’s important to monitor a child’s hearing even if they have passed previous tests.

Children with a hearing loss may experience speech and language delays, educational difficulties, behavioural problems and often require increased support.

Common warning signs of hearing problems in children:

- Parent/caregiver or teacher concern for hearing
- Speech/language delay or differences
- Says “what?” or “huh?” often
- Difficulty understanding speech in background noise
- Difficulty hearing in one or both ears on the phone
- Increased TV/stereo volume compared to rest of family
- Not startling to very loud sounds
- Attention or behavioural problems
- Academic difficulties
- Inability to detect where sounds are coming from

Hear and Say are leaders in paediatric hearing

Hear and Say has a team of qualified audiologists experienced in working with children.

We offer comprehensive assessment and management of children’s hearing at all levels - no matter how mild or temporary.

With no need for a referral and no waiting lists, an appointment can be made quickly and concerns addressed immediately.

Bulk billing for a basic hearing test is available for children aged 3.5 years and over with a GP referral. Contact us for clinic times.

To find out more

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Hear and Say also provides Listening and Spoken Language Services

Hear and Say’s Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Specialists have a degree in Speech Pathology. They focus on education, guidance and the application of strategies to promote the acquisition of spoken language and literacy through development of listening skills for all children.

With just over 700 of these highly trained professionals in the world, Hear and Say employs the highest number of qualified LSL Specialists in Australia.

LSL therapy can benefit children of all ages, including infants and toddlers, children in preschool and kindergarten, and school-age students.

Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without.

Even a moderate or temporary hearing loss can have a profound impact on a child’s speech, language and literacy development.

If a child is having communication difficulties in the classroom or in noisy social situations this may be impacting on their ability to learn and communicate and in turn affect their speech and language development.

Which is why we recommend having a child’s hearing tested first, before any speech and language therapy is considered.

About Hear and Say

Hear and Say is a Queensland-wide children’s charity. Our mission is to enable families in Queensland to achieve optimal outcomes for their children by ensuring children can hear and be heard.

Dr Dimity Dornan AO opened Hear and Say in 1992 with just six children and the organisation has since expanded with centres in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast, North Queensland, and Far North Queensland, and an Outreach Telepractice Program servicing rural and remote children and families.

Hear and Say are experts in children’s hearing, speech and language. We run one of the largest Paediatric Implantable Technologies Programs in Queensland and is also the only organisation in Queensland offering Listening and Spoken Language Therapy using the Auditory-Verbal Approach.

Hear and Say creates a lasting impression in the lives of the young children by providing them with the opportunity to maximise their potential for education, knowledge, understanding and future employment.

We can help

If you have concerns about your child’s hearing, speech or language please contact us:

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Our Brisbane Centre is located centrally in Ashgrove with plenty of off-street parking.

We also have centres in other major cities in Queensland. Call us to see if we cover where you live.