

Telepractice Needs YOU!!

Our Telepractice Program allows Hear and Say to assist people with hearing loss who live in rural and remote areas of Queensland and beyond. This service is also available for local families according to their access needs.

Research to date indicates that there are positive outcomes related to Telepractice early intervention but further studies need to be done. This will help to decrease the barriers to uptake of this program.

Hear and Say is currently performing a study in collaboration with the University of Queensland, to examine the effectiveness of Telepractice early intervention for children with hearing loss. We are now recruiting children with typical hearing for the control (comparison) group of the study.

Who is needed?

- We are looking for siblings of our Hear and Say clients who are between the ages of 7 months and 7 years and at least one of their parent(s)/guardian(s);
- Have hearing in the normal range;
- Do not have any additional disabilities (e.g. autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit disorder) or learning difficulties;
- Speak English as their first language;

What will the children and their parents be asked to do?

- Your child will be tested twice, 5-6 months apart;
- They will have their hearing checked and do some speech and language tasks;
- You will be asked to provide some general information about yourself and your child, and answer some questions about your child's ability to communicate.

If you and your child would like to be part of this study please contact by phone (07) 3850 2111 or by email Helen Ridgway helen.ridgway@hearandsay.com.au (Research Officer) or Emma Rushbrooke emma.rushbrooke@hearandsay.com.au (Chief Investigator).