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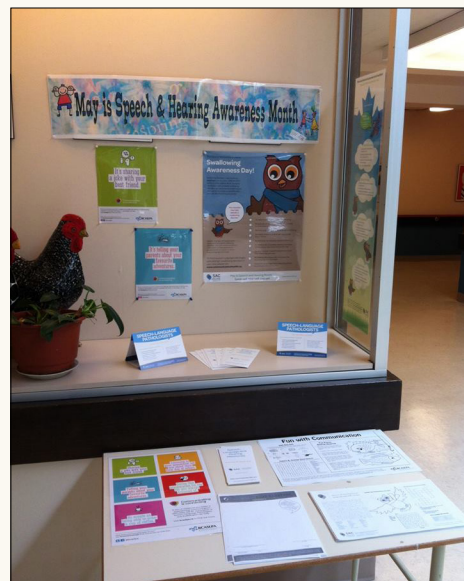
► PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again, as you may have guessed by the arrival of this issue, another 3 months has come and gone. It is Speech and Hearing month as I write this and I hope you all utilized the resources we have made available to celebrate throughout the month. I want to thank our Advocacy committee for all the great work they do for us in preparing packages and creating campaigns for us. I also had the privilege of participating this month with SAC in their Day on the Hill campaign to meet with MPs to advocate for those with communication disorders and the professionals who work with them (that's us, in case you were wondering). It was a great event and I think that a positive influence was made. Moving forward SAC and BCASLPA will continue to work together to advocate for our professions. While I was in Ottawa I was approached by many people who had seen the campaigns our Advocacy committee had developed. We are the best provincial association when it comes to advocacy. Again, thanks are due to our committee.

As we prepare for the upcoming BCASLPA conference I wanted to give an update to our audiology members. Our association has teamed with SAC to sponsor the webcast of Dr. James Hall's presentation. That will be available for viewing very shortly and will be offered to our members at no cost. We will let you know when that is available and how to access it.

As we move forward I want to express my appreciation for all those who work so tirelessly for the association and for our professions. Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Brent Clayson



**THANKS TO MEMBERS
MEGAN STANIFORTH AND
SARAH FRUMENTO FOR
THEIR SPEECH & HEARING
MONTH PROMOTIONS
THIS YEAR!**



► COMMUNICATION ACCESS NOW

On April 12, 2010, Canada committed to ensuring inclusion and equal access to goods and services for all people who have disabilities, including people who have communication disabilities that are not caused by hearing loss. [Click here](#) to read more about Communication Access Now, a national promotion strategy to increase awareness of communication access for people with communication disabilities.

- Lois Turner

► HEARING SCREENERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES

Are you interested in helping out at one of Special Olympics' largest health screening events ever?

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HEALTHY HEARING SCREENING TAKING PLACE AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL SUMMER GAMES AT THE UBC CAMPUS JULY 9-12TH 2014.

BC is ready to welcome many of the registered 1,200 athletes with intellectual disabilities from across Canada to our Healthy Hearing health program at the summer games.

Healthy Hearing has grown into a global audiological screening, care, and referral program for our athletes. Led by volunteer professionals, Healthy Hearing also provides tests for cerumen (ear wax) and otoacoustic emissions tests.

Interested? To sign up, please fax, scan or email the form to Joanna Verweel at Special Olympics BC (contact information is on form). **SIGN UP HERE**

For any questions specifically about Healthy Hearing, please email our Clinical Audiology Directors:

Sharon Adelman: Sharon@audiospeech.ubc.ca

Darlene Hicks: Darlene.Hicks@vch.ca

For more information on Special Olympics BC or on The Healthy Athlete program, visit [Special Olympics](#) or [Healthy Athletes](#) websites (click to access).

Thank you for your support!

- Joanna Verweel, Manager, Health and Sport Science, Special Olympics British Columbia

▶ 2014 BCASLPA CONFERENCE: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

You are invited to BCASLPA's 57th annual conference on October 24 and 25! Come and be inspired by an array of informative sessions, interesting exhibitors and interactive presentations. **The early-bird (until September 15) conference registration fee is only \$100 for members. After that, the registration fee is \$150 for members.**

This year's conference will take place in Vancouver at the **Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown**. The room rate is only \$139 per night plus taxes in downtown Vancouver! To reserve your room, [click here](#).

Online registration will be available very soon. Be sure to watch for emails from BCASLPA for more news on the conference or visit the [BCASLPA website](#). Join us for a very special, evidence-based practice conference.



Don't Take a Chance with Your Protection

Access the most cost effective and comprehensive Professional Liability and Clinic Insurance program available exclusively to members of Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC).

New for 2014-2015: 1.5X the coverage for the same low price!

We've increased professional liability coverage to \$5,000,000 per claim, for the same low premium to better protect you and your clients.

Additional Member Benefits:

- Online renewal process and program website
- Resources to help manage practice risks based on the speech-language and audiology profession's claims history
- Specialized legal consultation and protection

For more information or to purchase coverage, please visit our website at www.sac.bmsgroup.com or speak to a BMS program representative at **1-855-318-6135** or sac.insurance@bmsgroup.com



Practice Risk Solutions

Healthcare Professionals Insurance Alliance

PARTICIPATION REQUIRED FOR UBC STUDY

BILINGUALISM AND CHILDREN WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES

You are invited to take part in a research study looking at services that support the development of bilingualism for children with and without developmental disabilities. You can participate in the study if:

1. You work with children and youth of any age (birth through high school graduation).
2. You work in British Columbia or your work impacts children or youth in British Columbia.

This study is being conducted by Stefka Marinova-Todd (Principal Investigator) and Pat Mirenda at the University of British Columbia. For more information and to access the survey please [visit this link](#).

Big thanks to all those who have filled out the survey already. For those who have begun the survey, we hope you will get a chance to complete it so your responses can be included in the study!

A REMINDER OF THE GREAT BENEFITS OF BEING A BCASLPA MEMBER!

BCASLPA has partnered with a number of organizations to provide members with some additional benefits. Many of these benefits will provide extra CEU opportunities for members.

Mardon Group Home Insurance: This program provides members with very competitive rates on home insurance. Why not compare Mardon's rates to your insurer's rates? Quotes are fast and easy, without obligation. [Fill out the form here](#).

SpeechPathology.com and AudiologyOnline.com: This program with Allied Health Media provides BCASLPA members an additional month of subscription for \$99. You will have access to nearly 1,000 online courses available 24/7 in live webinar, video, audio and text-based formats. New courses are added daily ensuring you remain current with latest assessments, intervention techniques and clinical research. [Create your Account](#) now and enter BCA2013.

Hanen E-Seminars: BCASLPA members receive a 25% discount on all [e-seminars offered through Hanen](#). Enter code BCASLPASEMINAR when registering.

Electronic Health Library of BC (e-HLbc): BCASLPA provides its member with FREE access to an online health library called the Electronic Health Library of BC (e-HLbc). This library is used by academics and health care professionals around the province. The purpose of the e-HLbc is to support and improve practice, education, and research for Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists. All you need to do is login to the [BCASLPA website](#), then click the Membership button and select the Electronic Health Library. Contact [Janet](#) at the BCASLPA Office if you need help with your login information.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how to use the Electronic Health Library to impact your practice.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how to use the Electronic Health Library to find articles on a topic of interest.

▶ ADVOCACY UPDATE

This May, the Advocacy Committee was delighted to celebrate Speech & Hearing Month with a variety of promotional activities.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our celebrations and advocacy work to spread the importance of communicating and our professional services.

Using a “Communicating is Connecting” theme, we produced posters, postcards, buttons, balloons, candy, stickers and bumper stickers. We sent more than 340 envelopes to members throughout BC with a variety of promotional materials to help promote our professional services.

Similar to our Did You Know? Campaign, we distributed “Communicating is Connecting” posters to every library in British Columbia for them to share with their members.

Our targeted Facebook advertisements reached more than 200,000 parents, young people, elderly patients, or residents interested in speech, language and audiology. Meanwhile, our Advocacy Committee spread the word with a [Speech & Hearing Month Pinterest page](#), special Facebook postings, and numerous tweets engaging others with the hashtag #communicatingis. Special thanks to Sarah Frumento and Kate Wishart for implementing this!

One particular highlight of our May activities was a themed Communicating is Connecting activity day arranged by Sarah Frumento at Saanich Public Library. With posters and brightly coloured materials, Sarah and her colleague invited the public to complete speech bubbles asking “Communicating Is...”

Of the 47 completed, highlight responses include:

Exciting! And vital to life!

Helps children learn to express themselves.

Understanding & relating to each other.

SHARED

Playing with friends.

Being able to communicate your love to others!

Calling your mum to say: Happy Mother's Day!

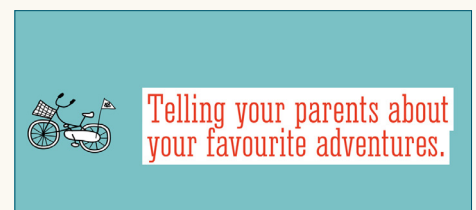
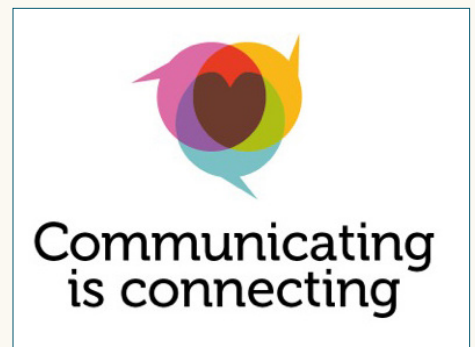
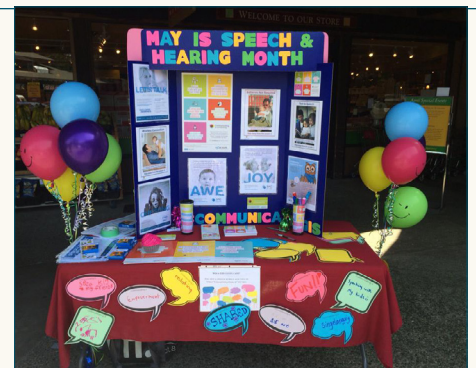
The foundation for everything.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated with us on social media, ordered an envelope, sent in a positive story, or promoted our professions this month! Any stories submitted will be featured on the new BCASLPA blog in the coming weeks.

▶ AT HOME PROGRAM'S SCHOOL-AGED EXTENDED THERAPIES BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION PERIOD UPDATE

Effective May 16, 2014, the maximum authorization period allowed for the School-Aged Extended Therapies benefit of the At Home Program has been increased from 6 months to 12 months.

For the new School Aged Extended Therapies form and for more information on School Aged Extended Therapies, [click here](#).





Healthy Hearing Screening – Volunteer form

Please fill out the following form:

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

T-shirt size: XS S M L XL XXL

Allergies/Preferences: Vegetarian Lactose intolerant Celiac

Professional background:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audiologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous healthy hearing volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | |

Shifts: Please click on all the shifts that you are available for:

Wed. July 9: 5pm-9pm

Thurs. July 10: 2pm-6:30pm 5:30pm-9pm

Fri, July 11: 2pm-6:30 pm 5:30pm-9pm

Sat, July 12: 8:30am-12:30pm

Please email, fax or scan back to Joanna Verweel, Manager of Health and Sport Science
jverweel@specialolympics.bc.ca Fax: 604 737 3080

Mailing address: Joanna Verweel, Special Olympics BC
210-3701 Hastings St, Burnaby BC V5C 2H6

Thank you for your interest!

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MEMORANDUM: At Home Program's School-Aged Extended Therapies Benefit Authorization Period Update



Ministry of
Children and Family
Development

May 2014

To: Parents and Professionals

RE: Extension of School-Aged Extended Therapies authorization period to a maximum of 12 months.

To reduce the administrative burden for therapists, and to minimize the risk of service disruption, the maximum authorization period allowed for the School-Aged Extended Therapies benefit of the At Home Program has been increased.

Effective May 16, 2014 the maximum authorization period for the School Aged Extended Therapies benefit will increase from 6 months to 12 months. A maximum of \$3,840 may be approved for any one of occupational therapy, physiotherapy, or speech-language pathology. Up to a total of \$480 (within the \$3,840 maximum) can be used for consultation, report writing and travel purposes within that 12 month period.

A maximum of \$1,920 may be authorized for Chiropractic and Massage Therapy, per 12 month period.

All requirements for School-Aged Extended Therapies requests remain the same and there is no change in the maximum billable amount per year.

The new School Aged Extended Therapies form is available at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/forms.htm.

For more information on School Aged Extended Therapies, please see the At Home Program Guide posted at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/index.htm. To contact the Medical Benefits Branch, call toll-free 1 888 613-3232 (250 387-9649 in Victoria), or e-mail MCF.MedicalBenefitsProgram@gov.bc.ca.

For information about how the School-Aged Therapies benefit complements the foundational services made available through the School-Aged Therapy program, consult the School-Aged Therapy and the At Home Program's School-Aged Extended Therapies Benefit Info Sheet available at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/school_aged_therapies.htm.