

Longwood University Speech, Hearing, & Learning Services

SHLS Newsletter

“The Mission of Longwood’s Speech, Hearing, & Learning Services is to be a caring community resource for children and families in south-central Virginia, providing the highest level of service in professional speech-language, educational, and early intervention programs and to fully prepare Longwood’s students for their future careers as speech-language pathologists or educators, by providing focused field experiences.”



Services Available at SHLS

Longwood’s Speech, Hearing, & Learning Services has provided services to clients of all ages since it’s opening in August of 2013. These services include speech-language evaluations and therapy, hearing evaluations and hearing aids, tutoring and educational services, early intervention, and the Virginia Star Quality Initiative. With a compassionate and well-educated team, a state of the art clinic, SHLS provides services with the utmost care and attention.

Speech-Language Services

The speech-language services are provided by Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate students. Faculty and clinical supervisors who are licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and are nationally certified oversee the student clinicians.

SHLS provides screenings, evaluations, and therapy for individuals of all ages. Therapy is available for speech articulation, language, cognition, voice, fluency, auditory processing, communication strategies, accent modification, emergent literacy, and parent/community education.

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Summer Camps

This summer, SHLS provided three summer camps for children focusing on emergent literacy, language enrichment, spelling, grammar, and reading. These camps are held annually during the month of July.

Hearing Services

SHLS began providing hearing services in February of 2015. With the addition of faculty member, Dr. Mani Aguilar, (pictured at right) the clinic is the only facility in the surrounding counties to offer full-time services provided by a Doctor of Audiology. Dr. Aguilar now provides services to individuals who previously had to travel to Lynchburg or Richmond to receive similar services. Since February, 70 new audiology patients have been evaluated and 18 hearing aids have been dispensed. With the equipment available at SHLS, Dr. Aguilar is able to provide services to clients from infants to the elderly.

In the past academic year, SHLS has provided hearing screenings for the Dinwiddie Health Fair, the Music Department at Longwood University, the Sertoma Walk sponsored by the Longwood chapter of NSSLHA, and for the public as part of Better Speech and Hearing Month.

Dr. Aguilar works in conjunction with the Lions Club and HEAR Now, (part of the Starkey Foundation), two organizations that provide low-cost hearing aids for those who are eligible. The hearing services that are provided at SHLS are available through a sliding fee scale for those who qualify.

If you would like Dr. Aguilar to speak to your group or community, please contact her at (434) 395-2341 or at aguilarmc@longwood.edu.



Hearing Services Provided at SHLS

- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Otoacoustic Emissions
- Auditory Processing Evaluations
- Hearing Aid Evaluations, Fittings, and Services
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Aural Rehabilitation
- Custom Hearing Protection
- Custom Swim Plugs
- Industrial Hearing Screenings
- Pre-school and School Hearing Screenings
- Professional In-services and Consultation

Community Education & Training

The Virginia Star Quality Initiative Grant allows SHLS to provide training to local early childcare providers. These training sessions are held approximately once per month and last for a period of approximately two hours. These training sessions focus on teaching the early childhood educator how to prepare their children for schooling. The Virginia Star Quality Initiative seeks to improve the quality of early childhood education by providing such training sessions and services. For more information regarding the Virginia Star Quality Initiative, please visit www.smartbeginnings.org/home/star-quality-initiative.

Infant Toddler Connection of the Heartland (ITC)

The Infant Toddler Connection of the Heartland (ITC) through Longwood provides Early Intervention services to families with children, ages birth up to three, that have either a 25% delay in one area of development, atypical development, or a diagnosed condition that has a high likelihood of delay. Early Intervention services include, but are not limited to, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, developmental education, and service coordination.

Services through ITC of the Heartland are provided to families who live in the seven surrounding counties of Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward. Currently, ITC is serving approximately 100 clients, 30 of whom are infants, ages birth to one. The most prevalent delay is a speech delay, and many of the children seen were born premature.

Early intervention services that are provided by ITC focus on supporting the families of children through coaching and caregiver education. By teaching caregivers techniques that will assist their child's development, the caregiver is able to provide support for their child during many daily routines and activities, thus providing multiple opportunities for practice. Early Intervention services are provided in the child's natural environment such as home, daycare, or community settings as this is where young children learn best. Initial visits and assessments are free, but there is a cost for other early intervention services, some of which insurance may cover. No family is ever denied services because of inability to pay.



*"A teacher who loves learning earns the right and the ability to help others learn."
- Ruth Beechick*

Tutoring Services

Educational opportunities are provided by SHLS through the tutoring program. Tutoring is available for children in Kindergarten through twelfth grade in math, reading, English, sciences, social studies, and social skills. These services are provided on an individual basis or in small groups. Each session is generally one hour long and can be scheduled Monday through Thursday.

Longwood students, supervised by faculty, provide the tutoring. The students conducting the sessions are generally Education majors in their Practicum II, Communication Sciences and Disorders majors, or are enrolled in the Call Me MISTER program.

In the Fall semester of 2014, there were approximately 13 students enrolled in the tutoring program. In the Spring semester of 2015, there were approximately 16 students enrolled. Generally, clients participate in the tutoring program from one semester up to three years. The family pays for these services, with some scholarships being available, and an application being required.

Welcome to the Premier of the SHLS Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform individuals of the services available at the Speech, Hearing, and Learning Services at Longwood University. This newsletter will be available quarterly online at www.longwood.edu/shls. In each issue, there will be information regarding events, projects, and opportunities. We hope that this information is helpful and informative.

Upcoming Opportunity

During Oktoberfest on **Friday October 2, 2015**, SHLS will hold an Open House from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Stop by to see the new building and meet the faculty and staff. There will be a free hearing screening available. We look forward to seeing you!



Shown above is the SHLS faculty and staff.

Client Feedback:

“TOP NOTCH EXPERIENCE!
THANKS SO MUCH!”

“My children enjoyed the program.”

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