



The Foundation for Hearing & Speech Resources (FHSR) is a local nonprofit connecting children with hearing loss and their families to programs and resources that support their hearing journey.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR



*Kristen Van Dyke,
Executive Director*

The Foundation for Hearing & Speech Resources (FHSR) develops and funds innovative programs to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Young Adults.

Hello and Happy Fall!

FHSR is very excited to announce the new **FHSR Education Coordinator Program** which is designed to support deaf and hard of hearing children, their families and teachers. This position, filled by Anna Tess, will play a crucial role in supporting our parents as a key resource for their child's educational needs.

As with all of our programs and services, the Education Coordinator program will be tuition-free to families and school districts in need of these services. Read more about what the program has to offer below. **Welcome Anna!**

Music Therapy starts again in January 2024 and **registration is already open!** [Please register](#) your 4-9 year old DHH child for the 12-week interactive small group program at one of our two locations. This will be our 3rd music therapy session and we look forward to having your child join in on the fun.

This fall FHSR launched an awareness campaign encouraging parents and caregivers to follow up if their child did not pass their newborn hearing screening. FHSR has created a resource page on our website to help parents know the next steps and where to go for a follow up pediatric hearing test.

The **1 3 6 Awareness Campaign** encourages parents to take the steps of :

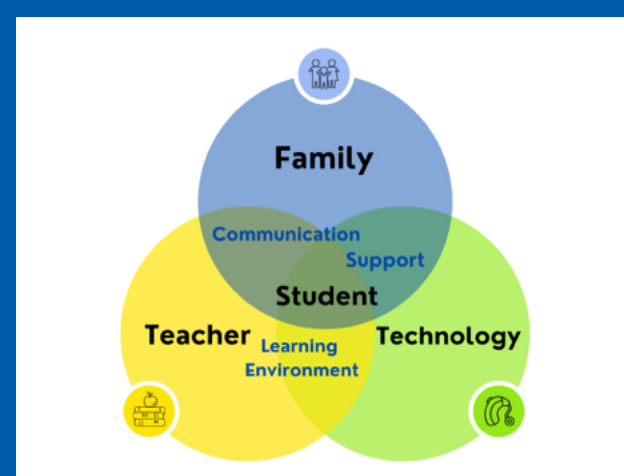
- Early Detection
- Early Intervention
- For Lifelong Results

We are proud to serve our mission of creating awareness around pediatric hearing loss with this exciting new campaign.

Join us Nov 4th for our **Cheers & Beers for Ears** fundraiser at **Little Owl Social Pub** as we raise much needed funds for pediatric loaner hearing aid banks so no child has to go without hearing!

We hope to see you there!

Education * Advocacy * Resources



The Education Coordinator will provide in person services in the greater Chicagoland area. Remote services will be available throughout Illinois.

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- Technology
- Creating Effective Learning Environments
- Organization of In-Service on Best Practices
- Supporting Parents to be their Child's Advocate



**ANNA TESS
EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

Join Us in Welcoming Anna Tess to this role

Anna brings to this role her vast experience working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children as both a Teacher and Administrator, along with the life experience of having hearing loss herself.

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Music Therapy is returning Jan 2024



**Tuition Free Music Therapy Winter Session
Saturday Mornings January 13 - April 20 2024**

at 2 locations

Child's Voice – 1846 W. Belmont Ave Chicago, IL

Music Makers of Western Springs - 4332 Howard Ave. Western Springs IL

SIGN UP TODAY

SMALL GROUP THERAPY FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 9

THIS FUN FILLED MUSICAL HOUR WILL ASSIST YOUR CHILD WITH SELF ESTEEM, RECEPTIVE LISTENING AND SOCIALIZATION.

Join FHSR and the Associate Board at Cheers and Beers for Ears Supporting Pediatric Loaner Hearing Aid Banks



**Saturday November 4th
The Little Owl Social Pub
3pm till Close
3747 Grand Blvd, Brookfield, IL**

There will be Tito's Drink Specials, Live Music, Raffles, and Karaoke!

Help us to continue our fundraising efforts supporting loaner hearing aid banks!

Interested in making a difference in a deaf or hard of hearing child's life?

FHSR is looking for Board Directors!

Through their input and guidance, the Board assists in program development, fundraising, and creating community connections for children with hearing loss. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining this group of dedicated individuals, please contact

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