

Foundations for Professionals

A workshop for professionals working with children with hearing differences

This year BC Family Hearing Resource Centre (BCFHRC) is excited to invite you to our newest event: Foundations for Professionals, a community workshop to support the needs of professionals working with our families across British Columbia. If you are one of the following, this workshop may be for you!: Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Physio Therapist (PT), Infant Development Program Consultant (IDP), Supported Child Development (SCD), Early Childhood Educator (ECE), daycare or preschool teacher, etc..

The Foundations for Professionals workshop, created by BCFHRC, is designed to strengthen professionals' knowledge on children's hearing differences and how it relates to their development. Research shows that children with hearing differences are at risk for social, emotional and academic difficulties. The Foundations for Professionals workshop aims to equip professionals with the knowledge and strategies to support development and learning in these areas.

Foundations for Professionals also provides an opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion with other professionals in your community who may also have experience in working with a child with hearing differences. Connecting with professionals is a valuable way to gain knowledge and share ideas.

Foundations for Professionals workshop will be covering a wide range of topics relating to hearing differences, including:

- Types of hearing differences
- Creating optimal learning environments
- Equipment options and strategies to keep them on
- Communication strategies
- Different ways to communicate



Foundations for Professionals is a fun and interactive hands-on half day workshop. You will have the opportunity to:

- Experience what it might be like to have a hearing difference during classroom activities
- Experience listening through different hearing equipment
- Adapting activities and rooms to create better learning environments
- Make and share resources



Workshop location and date:

Location	Workshop Dates	Registration Deadlines
Victoria, BC Family Hearing Resource Centre (#320 - 702 Fort Street, Victoria)	Thursday, November 16 th 2017 (12:30-4:30pm)	Friday November 3 rd 2017
Kelowna, Starbright Children's Development Centre (1546 Bernard Ave, Kelowna)	Thursday, May 10 th 2018 (12:30-4:30pm)	Friday April 27 th 2018

Pre-registration is required (this is not a drop-in workshop). A minimum of three professionals must be registered to run the workshop. Please register online at: <https://goo.gl/gRW7ym> . Participation in this workshop is free of charge. Light snacks & beverages will be provided.

Certificates of participation toward Continued Education hours will be provided.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Stefanie Macaro or Valerie Marshall. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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