

## **Foundations for Families**

### **Family Workshop for children who are deaf or hard of hearing**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year BC Family Hearing Resource Centre (BCFHRC) is excited to invite you to Foundations for Families, a community workshop to support the needs of our families across British Columbia.

The Foundations for Families workshop, created by BCFHRC, is designed to strengthen families' knowledge on their child's hearing/deafness and how it relates to their child's development. Research shows that children who are deaf or hard of hearing are at risk for social, emotional and academic difficulties. The Foundations for Families workshop aims to equip families with the knowledge to make well-informed decisions and the strategies to support their child's development in these areas.

Foundations for Families also provides an opportunity for parents to ask questions and engage in discussion with staff and other parents in your community who are also experiencing this journey. Connecting with families is a valuable way to build confidence in yourself and self-esteem in your children, while gaining knowledge from others with shared experiences. These friendships and connections provide continued support as your child graduates from BCFHRC's services and enters the school system.

Foundations for Families workshop will be covering a wide range of topics relating to your child's hearing/deafness, including:

- Different ways to communicate
- Communication strategies
- Creating optimal learning environments
- Describing your child's audiograms
- Equipment options and strategies to keep them on
- Language development (visual and spoken)
- Hearing and vision development
- Speech sound and signing development
- Tips for successful audiology appointments



This workshop is complimentary to the services you are receiving from your team in the community. We aim to not only strengthen your current understanding of these topics, but to expand your knowledge and skills in these areas. Foundations for Families is a fun and interactive hands-on two-day workshop. You will have the opportunity to create and take home materials to add to your toolbox.

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**All workshops will be provided online. See below for dates:**

<b>Workshop Dates</b>	<b>Registration Deadlines*</b>
November 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 (9am-3:30pm)	October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Limited spots available
February 27 <sup>th</sup> and March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (9am-3:30pm)	February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Limited spots available

*\*All workshops require a minimum of three families registered*

Pre-registration is required (this is not a drop-in workshop). This workshop will not be recorded and has been designed for active online participation from attendees. You must be able to attend both days of the workshop to participate. Register online at: <https://goo.gl/M8S65D>.

Participation in this workshop is free of charge for families with a child receiving services from BCFHRC. The cost of the workshop for families with a child not receiving services from BCFHRC will be \$250.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Valerie at [vmarshall@bcfamilyhearing.com](mailto:vmarshall@bcfamilyhearing.com), or speak with your interventionist. An email will be sent out with the access link and further details the week of the workshop. We look forward to working with you!

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