

## Foundations for Professionals

A workshop for professionals working with children who are deaf and hard of hearing

This year BC Family Hearing Resource Centre (BCFHRC) is excited to invite you to 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.,. Please note this workshop is open to professionals who are currently working with a child who is deaf or hard of hearing aged 0 to 5 years receiving services from BCFHRC.

The Foundations for Professionals workshop, created by BCFHRC, is designed to strengthen professionals' knowledge on children's hearing/deafness and how it relates to their development. Research shows that children who are deaf or hard of hearing 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 who is deaf or hard of hearing. 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/deafness, including:

- Types of hearing loss
- 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 workshop. You will have the opportunity to:

- Experience what it might be like to be deaf or hard of hearing during classroom activities
- Discuss listening through different hearing equipment
- Adapt activities and rooms to create better learning environments
- Collect resources

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

Workshop Dates	Registration Deadlines
Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2020 (9:00-3:30pm)*	September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Limited spots available
Friday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (9:00-3:30pm)	February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Limited spots available

\*a list of topics and break times will be provided prior to the workshop

Pre-registration is required (this is not a drop-in workshop). A minimum of five professionals must be registered to run the workshop. Please register online at: <https://goo.gl/gRW7ym>. Participation in this workshop is free of charge for professionals currently working with a child receiving services from BCFHRC. The cost of the workshop for professionals not working with a child receiving services from BCFHRC will be \$500.

This workshop will not be recorded and has been designed for active online participation from attendees. Certificates of participation toward Continued Education hours will be provided.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Valerie at [ymarshall@bcfamilyhearing.com](mailto:ymarshall@bcfamilyhearing.com). 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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