I have a student with a cochlear implant/hearing aid. What can I do to help?

Chris Switzer is an SLP who specializes with CI students in the schools. Here are her tips for some of her most important insights:

Teaching—Any age appropriate speech and language test can be administered to a CI student. However, the report must indicate this statement: “Results may be interpreted with caution, as the CI student is being compared to hearing peers. Results are a baseline, and not used to establish gain.”

Therapy—spend a few seconds at the beginning of each session with the kid. This will ensure the exercises are working properly and detect any differences with hearing. The kid is readily available on the internet, and is also available as an iPad app. We use the Auditory Verbal by Melanie Soper (Long Sound Application) as an example.

Aid Maintenance—Customized hearing aid must be updated for growth every two changes of frame size. Also be aware of feedback or other indications that change may be warranted. By third grade, hearing impaired children should be able to manage their aids with independence.

Therapy—Teach students self-advocacy. Items they can request independently include: asking for appropriate seating, asking teachers to repeat questions/more details by other students, and asking for writing assignments to be rewritten on the board.

Stimulants—For students on stimulants, consider increasing the dose by one milligram daily. Example: Half a milligram at bedtime is 0.5 milligrams, half the dose is 0.25 milligrams.

Observation—Ask the student to keep sensory logs on their environment. Also, many of our students do have special educational needs and may benefit from a free evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Here you visited our website lately? We have revamped it completely, adding an extensive database of resources. If you have any questions, or need help with an upcoming event, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you make the most of your experience at the annual CSHA convention. Our aim is to provide you with the information you need to succeed, whether it’s in your personal or professional life. Thank you for choosing to attend. Looking for resources for parent support? Seeking links to CEU providers? Check out our website for more information, or investigate contracting through Pacific Coast Speech Services! We love your feedback.

The annual CSHA convention is coming to beautiful Long Beach March 7-9. If you have reserved or purchased your tickets, please be sure to arrive on time. The event typically starts at 8:00 AM, and ends at 5:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Jokes for Kids

What do you call a brave black bear?
Daredevil

What do you call a fish that does not swim?
A dryer

What does she call his oil?
Baby oil

Why can’t you tell a joke to an eagle?
They have a bad eye

What kind of car does Minnie Mouse have?
A mini-van.