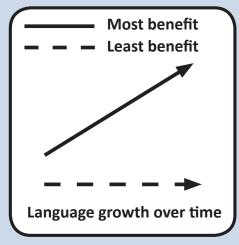


# AUDIOLOGISTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Results from the Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss Study



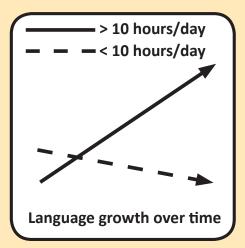


#### AIDED AUDIBILITY MATTERS!

Well-fit hearing aids provide the best audibility for speech, which helps children learn language quickly and develop ageappropriate language skills. Some children could receive more access to speech and benefit from their hearing aids.

## AM I USING EVIDENCE-BASED HEARING AID FITTING AND VERIFICATION MEASURES?

Real-ear probe microphone verification results in better aided audibility (benefit) for children who are hard of hearing.



#### **HEARING AID USE MATTERS!**

Children who wear hearing aids at least 10 hours a day, regardless of the severity of their hearing loss, learn language faster than children with less hearing aid use and are more likely to have age-appropriate skills by the time they enter elementary school.

#### AM I TALKING ABOUT HEARING AID USE WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS?

To identify families who need support in achieving full-time use, regularly discuss datalogging results with families and ask them how consistently hearing aids are worn in different situations.

### AFTER THE FITTING, AM I...?



Sharing strategies for making sure children hear speech well at home? Counsel parents to turn off the TV and stay close when talking.



Teaching and reviewing how to perform a hearing aid listening check? Listening checks help ensure good audibility.



Communicating with intervention providers? Providers can help families set high expectations for hearing aid use and language development.

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