

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center



Lexington Hearing & Speech Center's Capital Campaign

a new home for sound beginnings



Mission

The Mission of Lexington Hearing & Speech Center is to teach children with hearing, speech and language impairments to listen and talk. We do this by providing high quality educational, clinical and family support services.

Goals

- All children will enter kindergarten or first grade with age appropriate communication skills.
- Strive to ensure LHSC students and clients have the necessary language and independence to become active participants in their families and communities.

Philosophy

The professionals at Lexington Hearing and Speech Center adhere to the philosophy that each child deserves to be treated as an individual with unique strengths and needs. We advocate early identification of those needs and early intervention to encourage development of audition, speech, and language. Focusing on the whole child, we provide a stimulating environment that builds on each child's individual abilities. We believe each child can and will develop effective oral communication skills.

LHSC offers the only Auditory Verbal (AVT) or Listening Spoken Language School (LSLS) and Clinic in the state of Kentucky. For children who are hearing impaired and their family wants an oral approach, LHSC is the only option.



Programs

- Hearing and Hearing Aid Services for all ages
- Cochlear Implant services
- Speech Services
- Trainings for school systems
- Language-enriched education programs



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Vision for the Future

The Lexington Hearing & Speech Center has a simple vision; to continue teaching children with hearing, speech and language impairments to listen and talk.

LHSC has outgrown the center on Ashland Avenue. Children and adults are on a waiting list for speech, audiology and education services and more space is needed for programs based on emerging communication needs. In late 2010, LHSC purchased the former Julia R. Ewan Elementary School, granting us a tremendous opportunity to help even more children and families. This 70,600 square foot facility located at 350 Henry Clay Boulevard will become the new home for LHSC.

Why is this new center so critical to the quality programs at LHSC?

Enhanced Space. The number of children and adults that LHSC can serve is severely limited by our current size constraints. The new building will allow us to expand services in day school, preschool, speech and audiology by more than 37%.

New programs. As our world changes, so do the needs of the people we serve. Our new location creates a platform for the development of vital new programs to better meet those needs.

- A dedicated therapeutic preschool curriculum for children with autism spectrum disorders and other development disabilities
- A full day kindergarten classroom
- A parent's day out program
- An on-site occupational therapy program
- Summer camps for school-aged children

Accessibility. Incorporating additions like an elevator and renovated restrooms will allow us to provide services to a more diverse clientele. Our current campus design requires LHSC to administer programs in two separate buildings. Housing all of our programs and services under one roof will offer a better experience for children, staff and parents.

We need you to help us reach our goal of \$2.35 million. Your help is critical. Join us to begin this new era of providing sound beginnings.



LHSC Capital Campaign Investment \$2,350,000

Building Repairs and Renovations
\$550,000

Equipment Upgrades
\$200,000

Building Purchase
\$1,600,000



Did you know...

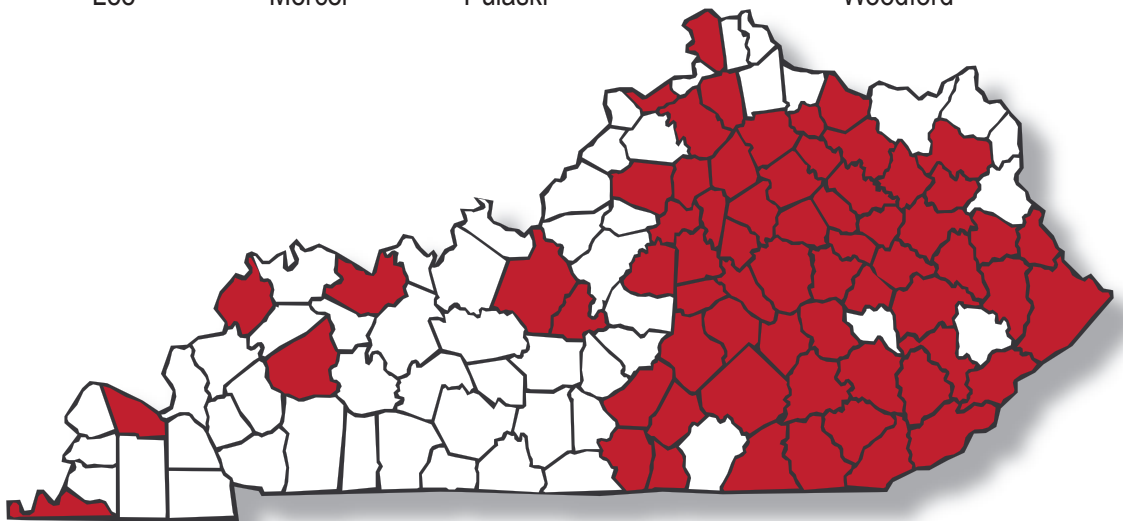
- Every day, 33 babies (or 12,000 babies each year) are born in the United States with permanent hearing loss.
- Hearing loss is the most frequently occurring birth defect.
- Nine out of every 10 children who are born deaf are born to parents who can hear.
- Infants with hearing loss can be fit with amplification before they are 1 month old.
- Between 6 and 8 million people in the United States have some form of language impairment.
- The first 6 months are the most crucial to a child's development of language skills.
- One percent of the population of children in the U.S. ages 3-17 have an autism spectrum disorder.
- Early Intervention is the key to lifelong success in learning for all children.
- In Kentucky, there are only two preschool programs with a focus of serving children with autism. These facilities are located in Louisville and Prestonsburg.

(statistics compiled from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)).



LHSC is honored to have served children, youth and adults in the following counties in 2010:

Adair	Elliott	Knox	McCracken	Perry	Russell	Washington
Anderson	Estill	Larue	McCreary	Pike	Scott	Whitley
Bath	Fayette	Laurel	Menifee	Powell	Shelby	Wolfe
Bell	Fleming	Lee	Mercer	Pulaski		Woodford
Boone	Floyd					
Bourbon	Franklin					
Boyle	Fulton					
Breathitt	Garrard					
Carroll	Grant					
Carter	Hardin					
Casey	Harlan					
Clark	Harrison					
Clay	Hopkins					
Clinton	Jackson					
Cumberland	Jessamine					
Daviess	Johnson					



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LHSC, a private 501(c)3 nonprofit agency, is governed by a 19 member Board of Directors and supported by 8 Lifetime Advisory Members. LHSC operates with an annual budget of over \$2.1 million providing both clinical and educational services for individuals with hearing, speech, and language impairments and their families – which in 2009 served over 1,200 people throughout Kentucky.