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Dear Parents:

Many parents do not recognize the early signs of a critical health issue: communication disorders. Speech, language, and hearing disorders are among the most common disabilities in the United States. This month, during the national observance of Better Hearing and Speech Month, I encourage parents to take stock of their child's communication health. Sometimes, problems achieving academically, or social or behavioral issues in school, may be the result of an undiagnosed speech or hearing disorder. It is important for parents to be attuned to the early warning signs of these conditions.

In recognition of May being Better Hearing and Speech Month, Aspen Speech Therapy is offering free language and hearing screenings!

Prevention, especially when it comes to noise-induced hearing loss, is of growing importance with skyrocketing use of personal audio technology among kids. Many children have access to smartphones, tablets, and other devices—and use these with accompanying headphones or ear buds at high volumes (and for long periods of time). One in 5 kids ages 12–19 is suffering from hearing loss, an increase of 31% since the late 1980s/early 1990s.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech or hearing, please contact Aspen Speech Therapy to schedule your free screening.

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