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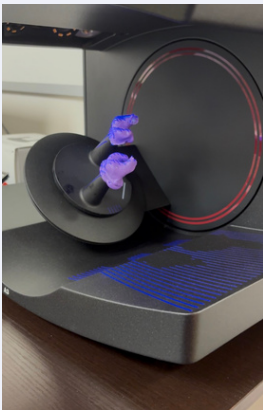
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• NEURODIVERGENCE AND HEARING

HAVE YOU HEARD?

All Ears! Center is grateful to be the recipient of a grant from the Charity Guild of Catholic Women that provided 2 new pieces of audiology equipment to better serve you. Less time in transit and the repair shop mean more listening and connection time for you!



This amazing machine saves time by scanning the ear molds made in the office and sending them digitally to be made instead of having to be mailed.

This machine dries hearing technology quickly reducing the need to send off for repairs.

We may have even tried it out on air pods. 😂



MYTH BUSTER



Even untreated mild loss is linked to speech & language issues for kids, social isolation, and cognitive decline

KEY FACTS ON WHERE NEURODIVERGENCE AND HEARING INTERSECT

- **Increased Risk:** Hearing impairment is slightly more prevalent in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) than the general population, and although one doesn't cause the other, symptoms may be made worse by hearing difficulties.
- **Sensory Processing:** Individuals with ASD may experience hyperacusis (sensitivity to sound) or have auditory sensitivity that cause discomfort.
- **Delayed Diagnosis:** Children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) often receive an autism diagnosis roughly 3 years later than their hearing counterparts.
- **Types of Loss:** Both conductive hearing loss (outer/middle ear) and sensorineural hearing loss (inner ear) are found in neurodivergent populations.
- **Communication Challenges:** Auditory processing differences can create challenges with sound discrimination, localization, and following verbal instructions
- **Diagnosis Challenges:** Because behavioral issues can mask hearing loss, regular, specialized checkups are crucial to differentiate between behavioral traits of autism and actual hearing impairment.



ASK THE EXPERT:

It feels like we just got new ear molds last month. Why does my audiologist say we already need another set?

The rapid physical growth of an infant's ear and ear canal means more ear fittings are necessary. Even a tiny gap can cause "feedback" (whistling) or reduced sound quality which can affect language development.

Our new 3D digital scanning technology makes this process faster and easier.

Do you have a question for our experts? Please email them to development@allearscenter.org