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According to Liz Ying, MA Director of Hearing Intervention: “Our goal is for the children to begin to learn from one another and to each other and develop good group participation skills. We find that this gives them key advancement in a group setting as well as their interactions in a classroom setting.”

Hearing losses vary in the group from moderate to profound, and the children are both hearing aid and cochlear implant users.

During the sessions, parents and caregivers observe the activities from the observation room next to the therapy room. Therapist Volkmann, mother of Hugo, a group therapy participant, “They really have a great time because they’re with other children. Being with other children helps them with all aspects of play and socialization.”

CHI provides support for these efforts, enabling these children to receive much needed services at a critical moment in their lives.

The Children’s Hearing Institute Presents

“Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training Conference”

The Children’s Hearing Institute is grateful to Dr. Patricia Chute, MS, MBA, the Director of Operations at Hal-Hen Company, Inc, for arranging this benefit. The Wrightslaw Conference will be held this year at the new Rare Chelsea in early November.

This benefit will be the closing celebration of CHI’s 25th Anniversary and is ideal for parents and the professionals who work with children with disabilities. We encourage all friends of The Children’s Hearing Institute to help publicize this valuable conference by bringing it to the attention of colleagues, friends and family members who are responsible for the care or education of children with disabilities.

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Hearing Aid Dispenser Courses

As part of its comprehensive educational outreach program, The Children’s Hearing Institute will present a one day conference on educational law and advocacy at Mercy College on July 30th. The Wrightslaw Conference will offer increased comprehension to the educational rights and entitlements of children with disabilities.

“We are pleased to be sponsoring this conference, which is presented by nationally renowned authority, that provides very valuable information to parents and professionals,” said Melissa Wilde, CO Director of Educational Outreach.

Children with disabilities are entitled to have access to special services and accommodations in their schools. Understanding these entitlements, and how to secure and advocate for them, is key in ensuring that disabled children thrive. The Wrightslaw Conference is designed to give parents, caregivers, student advocates, attorneys, educators and health care providers the tools and skills they need to ensure access to quality.

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The conference begins at 9:00am; lunch will be arranged to be accessible to hearing-impaired kids. Thank you for sponsoring a series of three yoga classes especially arranged to be accessible to hearing-impaired kids. “Thank you.”

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On March 16th, in the auditorium at Beth Israel Medical Center, The Children’s Hearing Institute sponsored two events in addition to the workshops: a lecture and a seminar. The lecture, titled "Issues in Pediatric Audiology," was presented by Dr. Jane Madell, Ph.D., CHI Board member and Dr. Ronald Hoffman, MD, and Ana Hae-ok Kim, all of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. In addition to Dr. Linstrom, faculty from the Infirmary included Dr. Chandrasekhar, Dr. Sininger, Dr. Tharpe, and Dr. Flexer. The course was held at the Ear Institute of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and Keep Well Hearing Center.

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If the symptoms persist longer, or if there is associated dizziness or severe hearing loss, consult your doctor immediately. The most common symptom of ear problems during airplane flight is ear pain or drinking with the nose pinched closed. A more extreme variation is the feeling of pressure in the ears and nose pain in the ears. This can be caused by an increase in pressure in the middle ear, which can be due to an infection or an increase in altitude.

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Doctor’s Corner

Airplane Travel and the Ear

Ear problems are common during airplane flight. Common symptoms include ear pressure, ear fullness, ear pain, noise in the head, and a ringing tympanic membrane. During plane descent, the pressure between the cabin and the airplane can cause discomfort. Ear pain, which is not usually dangerous, may occur as a result of middle ear pressure. The surgery center is equipped to help manage and resolve severe ear problems.

Injury during air flight can be minimized or avoided. One should not bend forward with a severe head tilt. The mouth should not be opened, as this allows a cold external cold wind to enter the ear and result in a sense of ear pain, pain or a temporary decrease in hearing.

Loss of balance and vertigo are common among older adults. When traveling by airplane, it is best to have a full stomach and to rest fully before the flight. It may be necessary to use antibiotics or antiviral medication to prevent the symptoms from occurring.

Drug allergy.

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Controversial Issues in Pediatric Audiology

The year started with the controversially postponed “Pediatric Audiology in Postconflict,” a conference that was held over the past few years. The Children’s Hearing Institute offers all hearing aids styles, including the latest digital technologically advanced hearing aids.

The first day was devoted to matters concerning auditory therapy, and presentations on the acoustic needs of children. The second day included presentations on the cochlear implant.

On the first day, Diane M. Smith, M.D., a graduate of the Children’s Hearing Institute’s own otolaryngology, introduced the conference with her presentation on managing children with hearing loss in regular classroom settings. She was followed by Sano Yamagami, M.D., of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary’s Pediatric Otolaryngology Department. Dr. Yamagami spoke on clinical evaluation of otitis media in children using the Glasgow School of Medicines on the development of auditory perceptions. The second day’s session was focused on auditory and visual learning in children with hearing loss. The audience was divided into small groups and had the opportunity to discuss the issues with their group members and parents.

Jane Model Ph.D., CHI Board of Directors Chair, welcomed conference participants to The Ear Institute of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. She is Co-Director of the Pediatric Otolaryngology Center.

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A panel of parents of deaf and hard of hearing children shared their experiences with us.

On March 10th, in the auditorium at Beth Israel Medical Center, The Children’s Hearing Institute hosted a workshop for professionals who work with hearing impaired children and their families. The workshop was attended by more than 40 professionals, who were presenters, participants, and listeners. The workshop was designed to highlight the importance of team work and to bring professionals and caregivers together.

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Homework Help with CHI

Since the beginning of the year, The Children’s Hearing Institute has been offering after-school homework help to a small group of children who come to the Ear Institute for speech therapy. Currently, the program consists of three students, Alex J., Irving M., and Michael M., students of FIS, 34. Twice a week, when the students come to the Ear Institute for speech therapy, they also meet with a CHI-sponsored tutor who helps with their homework. During the half-hour sessions, the children read books, study vocabulary, journal, and do math worksheets.

All of these children have severe to profound hearing losses, and come from bilingual families, where English is not the primary language spoken at home. The children’s parents are extremely pleased with the sessions and the progress that they have made over the past several months. Melissa V., Irving’s mother, said, “He concentrates so much better here. He gets his homework done much more quickly.” One of the tutors, Bethany Holmes, reports, “The children have made significant advancement in reading and writing, they’re also more eager to participate in class discussions. We find that these children make amazing progress in a group setting on their phonological awareness and language.

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