

Summit Speech School

Impact Report

2023-2024

With Your Support, We Change Lives!



For Hearing Loss... and *Listening & Spoken Language* Expertise

It is the mission of Summit Speech School to empower children with hearing loss to become effective communicators using listening and spoken language. With support from families and professionals, there are no limits to our children reaching their fullest potential in their homes, schools, and communities, and becoming lifelong learners.

Summit Speech School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides services for children with hearing loss and their families.

Our comprehensive services include:

- Early Intervention Program
- Preschool
- Audiology Services
- Itinerant Mainstream Support Program

We are leaders in the

Listening and Spoken Language Community

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Our History...



Original location at 34 Upper Overlook Road Summit, NJ

In 1967 Summit Speech School opened its doors offering specialized listening and spoken language services to children with hearing loss.



Current location at 705 Central Ave in New Providence, NJ



Our Approach and Leadership in the Listening and Spoken Language Community

Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) is an evidenced-based approach to teaching children how to listen and talk. Our school, since it was founded in 1967, has used only this methodology. Results from the Longitudinal Outcomes of Children With Hearing Loss (LOCHI) study found that "communicating through LSL alone resulted in higher outcomes when compared to children who used sign language along with LSL" (Mission Probable, Hearing First; 2019).

Summit Speech School was the first school in the state of New Jersey to use LSL and we remain the only non-profit school in New Jersey to operate a private preschool program exclusively using an LSL approach. When families decide to use LSL to teach their child to listen and speak, Summit Speech School helps to provide the pathway to limitless opportunities. **Our Professional Partnerships**

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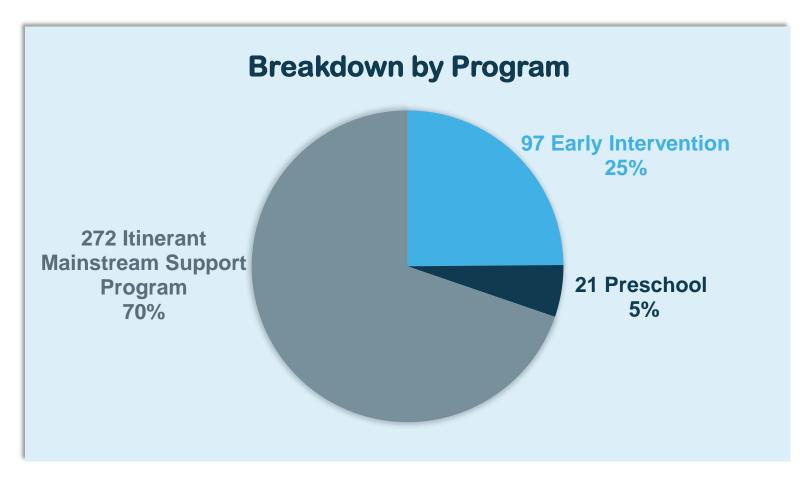
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362 Families Directly Impacted

During Fiscal Year 2023-2024





Early Intervention Program Details

Staff for the 2023-2024	Fiscal Year	included:
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- 2 Full-Time Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- 1 Spanish Language Interpreter
- 1 Full-Time Speech and Language Pathologist
- 6 Part-Time Speech and Language Pathologists
- 1 Part-Time Occupational Therapist

Financial Breakdown

Program, Administrative and Operational Costs	\$608,818
Department of Health Funding	\$293,312
Deficit covered by Grants and Fundraising	<mark>\$315,506</mark>

Your support covers more than 50% of the costs involved in providing this comprehensive Early Intervention Program.



Early Intervention Program: Our Dynamic Parent Infant Program

Parent Support and Education is provided to families free of charge. These sessions occur weekly throughout the year at Summit Speech School. Infants and toddlers up to age three are eligible to attend, supplementing their individual sessions.

Our multidisciplinary model allows for our Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Speech and Language Pathologists, and Occupational Therapist to work as a team, directly with our infants and toddlers. Parents and caregivers learn how to model spoken language skills for their children.

Thanks to our supporters... our Parent Infant Program is the foundation for deaf and hard of hearing babies and toddlers to learn to listen and speak.





Family Support and Training

Summit Speech School has 57 years of experience working with children with hearing loss and their families and understands the journey and the challenges families may face along this path. When families attend Summit Speech School, they join our community and become closely connected with other families on a similar journey.

During the 2023-2024 School year, Summit Speech School provided parent education on the following topics:



Infant Mental Health	Cochlear Implant Design/Expectations
Literacy and Hearing Loss	Your Rights in Special Education
Usher Syndrome	Transition to Preschool
Deaf Mentor Program	Microtia/Atresia Awareness
Stress and Burnout	Sports and Hearing Loss
Transition to College	Theory of Mind & Hearing Loss



Preschool: At a Glance

- Approved Private School by the NJ Department of Education
- 210-day program includes a 30-day extended school year program
- State of the Art Facility: acoustically treated classrooms and therapy rooms with universal access to DM systems. Observation booths with one way access.
- Students have daily access to Educational Audiologist
- Average class size is 5-7 students
- Staff to student ratio is less than 3:1; staff includes:
 - ⁻ 4 Teachers, Dual NJ DOE Certified as a Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Preschool Teacher
 - 3 Speech and Language Pathologists providing daily speech and language services to every student
 - ⁻ 1-3 paraprofessionals in each of our 4 classrooms
 - All staff have expertise in the delivery of Listening and Spoken Language Services as well as receive ongoing training and professional development
 - Full-time Nurse
 - Occupational/Physical Therapy Services





Amazing Impact: 7 of our 8 preschool graduates returned to their home school district!



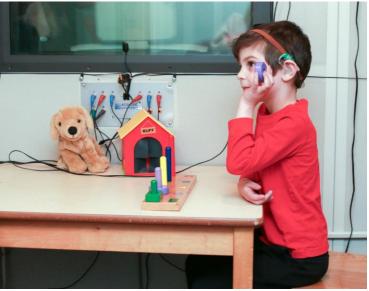
Audiology

Summit Speech School's audiological services play a key role in the development of listening and spoken language for students. It is imperative that we ensure every student has access to sound. When this occurs, positive outcomes for students are maximized.

A highly-equipped audiology booth is used to ensure students have access to sound. We have a full-time audiologist who is able to check individual student's hearing technology and complete comprehensive evaluations.

The School's audiologist works closely with our Teachers of the Deaf and Speech and Language Pathologists as well as each child's clinical audiologist.

Support to school districts, complete private evaluations, and professional development for other professionals is also available.





Attendees at our 3rd Annual Golf Outing generously donated \$52,000 to help fund new "State o the Art" audiology equipment.



Itinerant Mainstream Support Services

During the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, program staff included 11 full-time and 4 part-time Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Local school districts contract with Summit Speech School to provide Listening and Spoken Language services in the student's home school district.

Financial Breakdown			
Program, Administrative and Operational Costs	\$1,843,239		
Local School District Revenue	\$1,811,534		
Deficit covered by Grants and Fundraising	<mark>\$31,705</mark>		

Summit Speech School relies on our supporters to provide additional funding necessary to serve students in their home school district.



Summit Speech School Revenue and Expenses

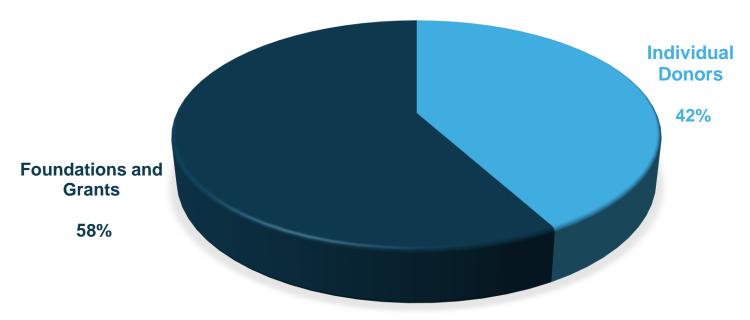
Programming & Development Revenue		Programming & Development Expenses	
Tuition	\$1,361,430	Program	\$2,898,666
Itinerant, Audiology and other Direct Services	\$1,845,751	Administration	\$872,752
Donations	\$839,996	Operations	\$279,719
Department of Health (DOH)	<u>\$293,312</u>	Development	<u>\$576,149</u>
Total	\$4,339,917	Total	\$4,627,286

Your support makes our work possible!



To Our Supporters... Thank You!

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We could not provide our services without you!

Your generosity is changing the lives of the children and families of the Summit Speech School Community!



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