

## **Concerns about Speech or Hearing? Here's Who can Help**

### **S-LPs and Auds - Who we are and what we do - We Care About Communication!**

One out of ten Canadians lives with a serious communication disorder. Early diagnosis and treatment is vital. Speech- Language Pathologists (S-LP's) and Audiologists (Auds) are highly trained professionals who can help people make their lives richer, more productive and enjoyable through improved communication skills.

**What we do:** identify, assess and rehabilitate children and adults with hearing difficulties and communication disorders. We counsel clients and families and provide referrals to other professionals. We are committed to ongoing research, public education, and training of new Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

**What we study:** acoustics, anatomy, assessment, counseling, hearing disorders, hearing aids, language development disorders, linguistics, neurology, neurophysiology, non-vocal communication, parent training, psychology phonetics, voice, speech and voice disorders, statistics, stuttering and research methods.

**Where we work:** Speech-Language Pathologists and audiologists work in private practice, child development centres, pre-schools, schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, government agencies, health units, industry, colleges, universities and research centres throughout the world. We are often part of teams which include physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurses, teachers, counselors, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

One in ten Canadians has a speech, language, or hearing disorder. If you suspect a problem, contact a professional. Check the yellow pages or visit our Web site [www.caslpa.ca](http://www.caslpa.ca) to find a speech-language pathologist or audiologist near you.

*May is Speech & Hearing Month!*

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