

About the Hearing Loss Team (HLT)

The HLT provides specialized knowledge and expertise to assess, understand and advise regarding the impact of permanent hearing loss on the development and well being of the child with a hearing loss and his or her family.

How can your child be seen by the HLT?

A referral to HLT can be made by your child's/youth's family doctor, pediatrician or otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist). Please mail or fax referrals to Health Records, Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

About Sunny Hill

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children is a provincial facility offering specialized services to children with disabilities, their families and communities throughout British Columbia. Using a family-centred approach, Sunny Hill helps promote the healthy development of children and youth by supporting families and community service providers in their efforts. It is also a resource for educational services and information about disabilities. Services are delivered close to home in a child's community, or on site at Sunny Hill, located in Vancouver.

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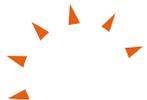
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What services do we provide?

Sunny Hill's Hearing Loss Team is an interdisciplinary team that focuses on children and youth (birth to 19 years) with a diagnosed hearing loss by:

- Supporting families and informing them about hearing loss and management options.
- Assessing a child's/youth's development to identify or rule out other conditions and needs that in addition to the hearing loss may be affecting your child.
- Working collaboratively with families, BC Children's Hospital services and community partners.
- Partnering with families and professionals to advocate for the needs of children and youth within their own communities.
- Maintaining current information about local, national and international resources.
- Supporting and participating in research related to all aspects of childhood hearing loss.

Who is on your child's team?

The Sunny Hill team involved with your child's/youth's assessment may include the following professionals:

- Developmental Pediatrician
- Nurse Clinician
- Speech & Language Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker
- Recreation Therapist

In addition, your child/youth may also receive support from the following Children's & Women's Health Centre Professionals:

- Audiologist
- Ophthalmologist
- Pediatric Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist)

How should you prepare for an assessment?

The assessment is planned in a way that meets your child's/youth's individual needs. It will last between one to three days, and you will receive a written report when it is done.

To ensure that the assessment will run smoothly, please remember the following:

- Bring your child's/youth's hearing equipment (including hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, etc) and eye glasses to all appointments.
- Be prepared to answer questions about family medical history, pregnancy history, and your child's/youth's developmental milestones.
- If your child/youth takes medications (including those for ADHD) ensure they are taken as usual.
- If seeing a psychologist, bring in the latest Individual Education Plan, and report cards.

Throughout the assessment, please feel free to:

- Ask questions
- Ask for clearer explanations
- Tape record proceedings

