

Help Us Build a Brighter Future



Providing FREE information, resources, and hearing screening requires assistance from generous individuals, businesses, and community leaders like you.

FOR EXAMPLE:

One OAE (otoacoustic emissions) device kit costs about \$5,500 and annual calibration costs approx. \$185.

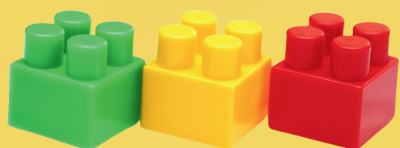
Your generous financial contribution towards the purchase and proper maintenance of OAE devices will directly impact young children in YOUR community and neighboring communities.

Mail donations to:

Harry Leipfert, 2257 Cedar Grove Rd., Winchester, VA 22603

Make checks payable to: DLCI*
Memo Line: Listen Up

*District 24-L Lions Charity Inc (DLCI) is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) Charity Organization.



More Information:



www.vsdb.k12.va.us/page/listenup



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Listen Up!™

Support Virginia's NEW
Preschool Hearing Health
Outreach Program

Every Dollar Makes a Difference - Join us!

Hearing Loss Can Occur at Any Age and Any Stage

The Invisible Disability Impacting Virginia's Children

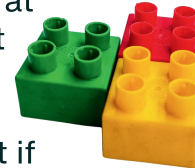
Each year in Virginia, young children who are deaf and hard of hearing fall behind because their hearing loss is identified late. Late identification often leads to speech and language delays, poor cognitive growth, low early literacy skills, and failure to thrive in school.



The Facts

According to a recent article in the International Journal of Audiology (Aug. 2024), in the U.S., the incidence of permanent hearing loss more than **DOUBLES** between birth and school age. Unfortunately, most children do not receive an objective, age-appropriate hearing screen before school enrollment.

Children with late-onset or progressive hearing loss are at risk of developing significant communication disorders, behavior issues, and lifelong academic underachievement if we don't identify their disability early.



The Solution

The Lions of Virginia District 24L has established the **Lions ListenUp! Program**, which offers free otoacoustic emissions (OAE) hearing screening to children 2-5 years of age who are enrolled in daycare, preschool, and other similar programs, to address this gap in hearing health monitoring.

Early identification of hearing loss and rapid connections to local supports and services directly impact kindergarten readiness = The Key to Success in Academics, Strong Social-Emotional Wellness, and Life Skills.

Our Mission



To provide free, age-appropriate hearing screening to preschool age children, educate the general public, and promote ongoing hearing health monitoring during early childhood, so that children most in need of a full hearing assessment are identified and quickly connected to a pediatric hearing specialist.

The Lions ListenUp! Program is a collaboration between Virginia Lions Clubs in Districts 24-L, 24-I, and 24-C, Padapillo PBLLC, and the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. VSDB Outreach is funded by a grant from the Virginia Department of Education. For more general information about the program visit: www.vsdb.k12.va.us/page/listenup or contact the Lions Club members listed on the back of this brochure.