Act Today:
Get Help

Are you, a family member, or a friend having difficulty speaking or hearing?
Neither you nor they have to struggle alone or think your quality of life can’t improve.
Visit www.IdentifyTheSigns.org and click “Find a Professional” to locate speech-language pathologists (SLPs) or audiologists in your area.
When you seek professional help, look for a SLP or audiologist who has earned the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from ASHA.
ASHA-certified SLPs have “CCC-SLP” after their names. ASHA-certified audiologists have “CCC-A.”
In addition to the CCC, a qualified SLP or audiologist has
• a master’s degree or doctoral degree
• a state license
• and participates in continuing education activities.
Also, free public services for school-age children are available through public school systems. Parents should contact their local public school for information about early intervention programs.

About the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 166,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, speech, language, and hearing scientists, audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel, and students. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audioligic treatment, including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems, including swallowing disorders. www.asha.org.
Lack of knowledge about the signs of communication disorders is a barrier to care. To reverse that, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has launched a public education campaign: IDENTIFY THE SIGNS www.IdentifyTheSigns.org.

Millions of Americans have difficulty speaking and hearing. Millions more—family and friends—are impacted, too.

The disorders take different forms and span all ages.

Social isolation, academic and employment difficulties, and struggles with daily activities frequently result.

**Early Detection Is Key**