Who is on Your Assessment Team?

Guidelines for Testing Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1

Introductions



Jessica Hoefler, Au.D., CCC-A, Educational Audiologist at Summit Educational Service Center



Carrie Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, Lead Educational Audiologist at Summit Educational Service Center



Christine Croyle, Ed.D., Program Director, The Outreach Center at OCALI

2

Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- compare the role of the educational audiologist and other D/HH professionals in the assessment process.
- identify available guidance documents and resources specific to the assessment of unique needs for D/HH students.
- describe considerations for test selection, administration and interpretation.

	٦
About You	
Type in the chat:	
Where are your from? Payou have an advertigable audiologist?	
Do you have an educational audiologist?	
	7
Landscape of DHH in Schools	
- ~2 per 1000 babies are born with hearing loss.	
- By school age, close to 15% of children exhibit some	
level/type of hearing loss.	
- Approximately 80% of students who are D/HH attend	
their neighborhood school.	
- 40% of students who are D/HH have additional	
needs.	
	<u>_</u>
The Impact of Access	
G C	
 Hearing loss does not have to be severe in order to impact a student's access to auditory-based classroom instruction. 	
An <i>educationally significant hearing loss</i> can be in both ears, one	-
ear, minimal in degree, only in some pitches or even fluctuating.	
Regardless of the etiology, type or degree of hearing loss, these children have to work harder than other children to listen. In the	
children have to work harder than other children to listen. In the classroom, this can lead to fatigue or what looks like problems	
with attention or acting out.	

@JessicaH@summitesc.org I needed to add a title to this slide for screen reader accessibility. Feel free to edit. I also had to adjust the font color for contrast accessibility. I highlighted the purple and that seemed to pass the contrast but changes the last bullet to black font as the blue was not high enough contrast. Let me know if you want to change this to a different high contrast color. Reassigned to Jessica Hoefler

Christine Croyle, 3/26/2021

1 I think this slide looks great!

By the way, this is the first time I realized you can leave notes on the side for people!!! my mind is blown!

Jessica Hoefler, 3/26/2021

EMIS State Data

Category	Enrollment (2018-19 school year)	% of Total
No Disability	1,403,829	84.5%
Deaf-Blindness	68	0.0%
Deafness (Hearing Impairment)	1,967	0.1%
Visual Impairment	904	0.1%

Why are EMIS numbers so low compared to the data?

7

8

How Important is HEARING in Learning?

- Anytime the word "hearing" is used, think "auditory brain development"
- Hearing is a first-order event for the development of spoken communication and literacy
- Acoustic accessibility to intelligible speech is essential for brain growth

How Important is LISTENING in Learning?

"Listening" is the cornerstone of the educational system $% \left(\mathbf{r}^{\prime }\right) =\mathbf{r}^{\prime }$

- Children spend up to **75%** of their school day listening

We hear with the brain...



...the ears are just a way in!

10

Hearing Loss Simulation



11

How Children Listen

Human beings are rich in auditory brain tissue.

But children can't listen like adults! Why?

- 1. The auditory cortex is not fully developed until about 15 years of age
 - This means children do not hear like adults
- 2. Children do not have the same experience with language as adults
 - This means that they cannot accurately 'repair' misheard information

@JessicaH@summitesc.org I had to rearrange this slide to have a title for accessibility needs. Please check and make sure I have changed your meaning.

Assigned to Jessica Hoefler

Christine Croyle, 3/26/2021

	_
UNHS, EI Communication, and Technology	
TO SECOND	
13	
	1
I have a student who	
 has fluctuating hearing loss. 	
has unilateral hearing loss.could not be screened for hearing.	
 has a rare syndrome in which hearing loss may be a suspected factor. 	
Do I need to include the Educational Audiologist? Type in chat	
14	
YES YOU DO!	
When in doubt reach out.	

Educational Audiologists provide support services to the students, caregivers, and	
districts to ensure appropriate hearing and listening is occurring in the classroom in order for appropriate learning to occur!	
or any or appropriate real lines of a cooling	
	_
The Role of the Educational Audiologist	
-Uniquely qualified to provide comprehensive services including assessments, direct/indirect services, in-service activities, and	
consultant for individuals birth through age 21 years and their families/caregivers.	
-Audiologists are the professionals singularly qualified to select and fit	

16

Role of the Educational Audiologist

-Practice areas identified within IDEA for audiologists.

- Assistance with Hearing Screening Programs:
- Auditory Processing Assessment

all forms of amplification.

- Educationally Relevant Audiological Evaluations
- Hearing Technology Assistance
- Personal DM and CADS Fitting
- Counseling and Guidance to Student/Parent/Teachers
- Provide Training/Consultation and Interpretation for School Personnel
- IEP Planning, Writing, and Participation

APD and the Educational Audiologist (C)APD is an auditory deficit; therefore, it continues to be the position of ASHA that the audiologist is the professional who diagnoses (C)APD (ASHA,2005b). Defined: What we do with what we hear (Jack Katz)	
19	
	1
Review of Scope of Practice	
Audiologists are the ONLY professionals where fitting hearing assistive technology (HAT) is within their Scope of Practice	
Making decisions/selections about HAT; initial HAT fittings: are not stated in Teachers of the Deaf or SLPs Scope of Practice, nor taught	
in their graduate training programs	
20	<u> </u>
	1
Role of the School Psychologist	
To successfully provide assessments to the students who are D/HH, the licensed school psychologist has the competencies to work with students to provide accurate diagnostic interpretative and consultative services as determined by the IEP team.	
https://deafandblindoutreach.org/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-outreach/documents/Educational- Guidelines-DHH822019.pdf	
21	

_		
1 0m	natan	~ ~ ~ ~
COIL	peten	
~~	P C C C	0.00

A school psychologist should demonstrate the following competencies to provide supports for students who are D/HH:

- 1. Training/background in psychological/sociological aspects of deafness
- 2. Knowledge to assess cultural and linguistic factors related to deafness
- 3. Knowledge related to non-discriminatory assessment for students who are D/HH
- 4. Proficiency in the student's mode of communication for direct communication during assessment

22

Your areas of confidence

Which area(s) do you feel most confident? Type in chat

- 1. Training/background in psychological/sociological aspects of deafness
- 2. Knowledge to assess cultural and linguistic factors related to deafness
- 3. Knowledge related to non-discriminatory assessment for students who are D/HH
- 4. Proficiency in the student's mode of communication for direct communication during assessment

23

Professional Position Statement



Position Statement

Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students and Their Families: Implications for Education and Service Delivery

 $\frac{https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-priorities/position-statements/serving-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-students-and-their-families-implications-for-education-and-service-delivery$

Intersecting/Overlapping Roles



Student Assurances: Audiological and Equipment Needs			тоони	SLP	Othe
1.	Audiological evaluations that include recommendations to enhance communication access and learning.	4			
2.	Diagnosis of auditory processing disorders (APD) with recommendations to manage APD issues provided to school personnel for the classroom and to parents for out of school consideration.	,			
3.	Management of auditory access in all educational environments				
4.	Assessment of classroom acoustics with recommendations made to improve classroom listening environments where necessary.				
5.	Evaluation and fitting for personal hearing instruments, classroom, and other hearing assistive technology.	1			
6.	Management of hearing assistive devices including maintenance and troubleshooting.				

https://www.edaud.org/position-stat/15-position-02-18.pdf

25

Role of the Teacher of the Deaf

The itinerant teacher ensures that students who are D/HH have programs in which they have direct and appropriate access to all components of the education program, including but not limited to recess, lunch, and extracurricular social and athletic activities.

 $\underline{https://deafandblindoutreach.org/educational-service-guidelines-dhh}$

26

Role of the Speech Language Pathologist

- Provide assessment of spoken language, speechreading, auditory, listening skills, and social communication skills
- Collaborate for the assessment of receptive and expressive language skills, and social communication skills
- Provide direct instruction in speech, language, speechreading, auditory and listening skills, social communication skills and selfadvocacy skills
- Implement strategies that develop communication, language, and related academic skills
- Enhance the student's overall communication skills
 https://deafandbindoutreach.org/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-outreach/documents/Educational-Guidelines-DHH822019.pdf

Role of Educational Interpreter	
Educational interpreters employed by school districts and are licensed can provide interpreting services in school setting for students who are	
D/HH. Ohio Administrative of Codes 2201 24 05 /5/(1//a) states the	
Ohio Administrative of Codes 3301-24-05 (E)(1)(c) states the educational interpreters shall have license obtained through Ohio Department of Education.	
. https://deafandblindoutreach.org/educational-service-guidelines-dhh	
inspir social administration of control of the galesians and	
20	
28	
	1
Knowledge Check- Type in the chat	
7,70	
A child has been medically diagnosed with hearing loss.	
Who is the person responsible for "HEARING" on the planning form?	
•	
29	
	_
Poll Question: A hearing screening:	
A. Identifies how severe a loss is	
в. Identifies what type of hearing loss a student has	
 c. Identifies the cause of hearing loss b. Gives possible treatment options 	
E. All of the above	
F. None of the above	
30	

Difference between Screening and Diagnostic Audiological Assessment

Hearing evaluation/diagnostic audiological assessment

- complete hearing test.
- conducted by an an audiologist
 audiologist can identify the type of hearing loss; severity; possible cause; and possible treatment options.

https://www.asha.org/public/hearing/hearing-screening-and-hearing-evaluation/ https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/children-s-hearing-vision-program/requirements/2015-guidelines

31



Considerations for Planning Form

32

Considerations for Test Selection, Administration and Interpretation

	\sim 1			
Toct	('ha	racto	\ricti	~
Test	LIIA	ıaıı	ะบรน	LS

- If developmental level is likely to be discrepant from chronological age, look for tests or subtests that span a large age range so that the test is appropriate for both the child's chronological and

developmental age.	
Students who are DHH would benefit from tests that include extended opportunity for teaching <i>how</i> to do the required task.	

Match Between Test And Child

Language, listening, and oral language demands of the test:

- Is it possible to make necessary adaptations without changing the nature of the task?
- Some tests are not easily adapted for the specific child's sensory/language abilities, and thus should not be administered. Some tests of "verbal intelligence" require listening and speaking
- where others only require pointing. Only part of a test may be appropriate (e.g., it would not be
- appropriate to administer the verbal subtests of the WISC to a child with no spoken language).

35

Nonverbal Measures of Intelligence

Nonverbal refers to the method of administration and responses of the examinee, not what is being measured, nor the strategies used to arrive at solutions to questions.

Instructions: provided completely nonverbally

When to use: if general test introduces construct irrelevant bias

- Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability
- Leiter International Performance Scale 3
- Universal Nonverbal Intelligence Test 2
- Comprehensive Test of Nonverbal Intelligence 2
- Other nonverbal, single domain tests

		_
	Test Items	
	Considerations:	
	Do items discriminate against those with auditory impairment?	
	 E.g. A scale containing the (observational) item 'makes telephone calls'. While an observational scale may protect against such concerns 	
	clearly this item would underestimate the individual's functioning.	
37		
		1
	Verbal Test Items or Performance Items?	
	In this context, 'verbal items' may require: - Reading or writing skills	
	Reading or writing skills Incidentally acquired knowledge/vocabulary	
	- Other abilities based upon English (e.g. idioms, proverbs)	
	Be aware that some DHH students will have difficulty with English grammar, syntax, and vocabulary independent of cognitive function.	
	This is particularly true of Deaf, signing students.	
88		
		_
	Verbal Instructions	
	verbal ilistructions	
	This is important to consider - even if the tasks	
	themselves are considered to be performance tasks.	
	For those measures that offer little or no flexibility in the way instructions are presented, departure from the	
	formal administration may be necessary.	
	.,,	

		_	
	Recorded Items		
	Students who are deaf/hard of hearing should only be assessed through live speech.		
	through live speech. Listening to recorded or computer-presented speech through a		
	hearing aid or cochlear implant will sound mechanical and fragmented.		
10		J	
+0			
	Test Interpretation		
	rest interpretation		
	Standardized assessments are typically not normed on individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.		
	 If substantial modification possibly interpret results quantitatively 		
	- Report techniques not included in standardization		
	and possible implications		
11			
		1	
	Intelligence and Academic Testing		
	- Verbally loaded!!!		
	- Students with HL typically have language delays		
	- Particular challenges with with synonyms, antonyms, defining words,		

loaded (e.g. "point to _____").

hearing?

- Be aware of how a "non-verbal" measure can also be very verbally

- Caution short term memory...was it memory or lack of

	Reading Measurement
	- Students who are DHH will speak how they hear
	- If cannot hear high pitched sounds, they will not say it
	 Is it a decoding factor, hearing factor, or articulation factor????
	articulation factor : : :
13	
	Math Assessment
	Are instructions read aloud?
	- If so, it is now a listening task
	Word problems?
	- Now a language test
14	
_	
	Dual Diagnosis
	Are checklists answered with HL in mind? Student with HL sits quietly in classroom with limited interactions with peersis
	it b/c it takes a lot of mental energy to stay focusedbut may be interpreted as
	depression ASD and HL?
	Defiant behavior? HL?
	Social Pragmatic Checklists

Listening Fatigue

Testing Considerations for Accessibility

46

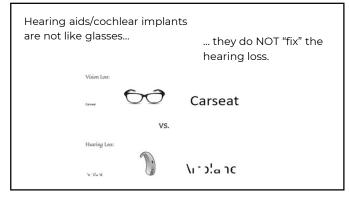
If a student uses hearing aids or a cochlear implant and communicates verbally, what accessibility strategies should be used?

47

Should I test?

I am scheduled to test a student who wears hearing aids. Both of the hearing aids had to be returned to the clinical audiologist for repair. If I talk louder and sit across from the student, it is OK to proceed with testing as long as I make a note about it.

Type in Chat





Aided hearing provides fragmented information to the auditory system which takes time for brain to decode.

50

Considerations Prior to Testing

- Age of diagnosis
- Degree of hearing loss
- Etiology of hearing loss
- Age of initial amplification
- History of amplification use/benefit
- Educational history
- Language history
- Primary mode of communication

It will be critical to be av	vare of what the
student can and canno	t do with sound.

"Listening Age"

- How many years the student has been consistently using hearing aids/cochlear implants
- This will impact their ability to understand spoken language

52

Legacy of the Hearing Loss Regardless of *Listening Age*

E.g. Consistent use of hearing aids from age 5-8 would not be commensurate with listening age of 3 due to language deprivation of starting hearing aids after age 5. Need to take history into consideration

- Learn about the child's language abilities prior to undertaking the evaluation.
 - May lend itself to choosing one test over another and/or heighten awareness of auditory and language skills.

53

Hearing Technologies

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{IT}}$ IS CRITICAL that all hearing aid technologies are used and in good working order

- Includes both hearing aids/cochlear implants & DM system
- Ensure sure you are comfortable using the technology
- Wear DM system clipped or cinched up the the sternum level



Consult with the educational audiologist if you have any questions.

Test Environment

Room Choice:

Make sure the room used for the assessment is quiet and without a lot of auditory distractions

- e.g. neighboring classroom noise, loud heating units, hallway noise

Limit Visual Distractions:

Students who are DHH are very reliant on visual information. As a result, they are more likely to be distracted by activity or items within their visual periphery.

55

Room Set-Up

- Face the student so that they can use visual cues to enhance understanding
- If a child has hearing loss on one side, it is fine to still sit in front of the child.
 However, if you must sit to the side, sit on the side of better hearing.
- Be sure that your face is not backlit by a window; this will obscure speech reading cues



56

Verbal Test Administration

- Talk in a normal speaking voice
- Pronounce words very clearly, especially the last sound in the word, which can sometimes get dropped
 - This is especially important on a task like list learning. It would be normal for someone with mild hearing loss to mishear similar words (e.g., "eyes" vs "ice"; "16" vs. "60")
- Make sure your mouth is not covered when you talk and speak directly to the student
- Do not exaggerate movements of your mouth or facial expressions
- Beards or moustaches should be trimmed and not obstruct the student's ability to speech read

-		_	• •	- •	
CO	ΛID	Con	ISIDE	ratio	ns
~~ '					

- Consider clear-window masks
- Consider placement of plexiglass barrier



Other Considerations

- Many students with hearing loss won't admit or even be aware of mishearing/misunderstanding
 - Be sure to check for comprehension.
- Consider modifications for spelling prompts
 - e.g. emphasize high frequency such as \underline{th} ree books
- Limit visual distractions

59

Cochlear Implants

Please communicate with the DHH Team prior to assessing students with cochlear implants.

- It is critical that assessments requiring ANY amount of listening be administered only after the student has had their cochlear implant(s) activated and stable mapping (which can take up to at least one year).
- They may have had an assessment administered as a part of their CI candidacy process
 - Leiter-3 if non-verbal

	This <u>CI Simulation</u> demonstrates why it is so important to wait		
	a year post-activation prior to administering any oral/aural		
	assessments.		
		Ι.	
51			
	Assessment with someone who is		
	speechreading		
	 Speak at a normal rate and with normal articulation Keep your hands very still while talking 		
	If you want to show something while talking, silently		
	show first, then explain, and possibly show a second		
	time		
	- Never speak while not facing the person		
		,	
		l .	
62			
		1	
	Assessment with an ASL Interpreter		
	Assessment With all Assessment Protect	,	
	If you are new to working with an ASL Interpreter in an assessment setting, you		
	should seek out consultation.		
	When working with an ASL interpreter, allow more time for the assessment Meet with an interpreter for 10-15 minutes before starting the assessment so you can		
	talk about the process of the assessment, vocabulary, etc.		
	It is helpful to mention that you want to know the child's level of language, therefore you want to know if they are using incorrect grammar, or if signs are produced		
	incorrectly. Introduce the interpreter to the student and explain their role. Allow the interpreter		
	and child a brief amount of time to establish language norms and fluency for accuracy		
	of interpreting.		

-	According to their Professional Code of Ethics, sign language interpreters wil
	interpret everything that occurs in the room (sounds, private conversations,
	phone calls, etc.).

- Generally, it is best to sit next to the sign language interpreter, opposite the child. Thus, the student can easily shift from looking at you to looking at the interpreter. Make sure there is no distracting background (e.g., venetian blinds) that could make it taxing to see the interpreter's hands.
- Address the client directly, and maintain eye contact with the client rather than with the interpreter.
- In general, wait until the interpreter is finished signing before you resume speaking.
- Do not give visual instructions (pointing, demonstrating) at the same time as you are talking (or when the interpreter is signing).

Hearing Loss and Neuromotor Populations

Hearing loss is much more common in children with neuromotor and multiple, severe disabilities compared to the general population. Children with hearing loss may present with bilateral hearing loss or unilateral hearing loss. You may also see mild to profound loss. Some children with neuromotor conditions may use a few "personal" signs to communicate. For those children, using an ASL interpreter is not necessarily appropriate.

65

Eligibility Categories

13 Categories				
Autism	Hearing Impairment (HI)	Visual Impairment (VI)	Deafness	
Deaf-Blindness	Other Health Impairment (OHI)	Orthopedic Impairment (OI)	Specific Learning Disability (SLD)	
Speech Language Impairment (SLI)	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	Intellectual Disability (ID)	Emotional Disability (ED)	
Multiple Disability (MD)				

Definitions for Fligibility	
Definitions for Eligibility	
Deafness DeafBlind	
Hearing Impairment	
SLD OHI	
Speech and Language Impairment	
67	
	1
ОНІ	
Other health impairment means having limited strength, vitality, or	
alertness, including a heightened alertness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that is due to chronic or acute health problems such as	
asthma, attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, diabetes, epilepsy, a heart condition, hemophilia, lead	
poisoning, leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, sickle cell anemia, and Tourette syndrome; and Adversely affects a child's educational	
performance.	
68	
	1
Deaf-blindness	
Concomitant hearing and visual impairments	
This combination causes communication and other developmental and educational needs that cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness	
, and the same of	
69	<u> </u>

	1

Specific learning disability means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations, including conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. Specific learning disability does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of intellectual disability, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

70

Speech or language impairment

means a communication disorder such as stuttering, impaired articulation, a language impairment, or a voice impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance."

• A communication disorder such as stuttering provides an example of a fluency disorder; other fluency issues include unusual word repetition and hesitant speech. • Impaired articulation indicates impairments in which a child experiences challenges in pronouncing specific sounds. • A language impairment can entail difficulty comprehending words properly, expressing oneself and listening to others. • A voice impairment involves difficulty voicing words; for instance, throat issues may cause an abnormally soft voice.

71

Hearing Impairment

Means an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but that is not included under the definition of deafness in this rule

Deafness Means a hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification that adversely affects a child's educational performance.	
73	
Determining Eligibility 74	
IEP or 504	

- Communication Modes
 - Visual support (sign language, cued speech, speech reading)
 - Technology
- EI/parent support
- Age of identification
- Additional disability areas

C	for Deafr	TREACH	CENTE
(C)	for Deafr	ess and	Blindnes

Continuum of Placement Options

PART B DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW, AND REVISION OF IEP, Consideration of special factors 34CFR300.324(2)(iv)

- Consideration of special factors 34CF8300.324(2)(v)

 The IEP Team must- (v) Consider the communication needs of the child, and in the case of a child who is deal or hard of hearing, consider the child's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode;
- No one placement is best for all children who are D/HH
 - Regional programs
 - . State school for the Deaf
 - General Ed with necessary supports
 - Special day classes/Resource/Itinerant
 - Non public schools

77

Resources

Guidance Documents

- Communication Planning Guide
- Guidelines for the Assessment and Educational Evaluation of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- MedEd Connections Resource Guide: Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Professional Development

- Telepsychology Webinars
 - The Basics: Preparing to Use Telepsychology as a Viable Option for Assessing All Learners
 - Protocols and Practices: Telepsychological Assessment

C	for Deafn	REACH	CENTER
(C)	for Deafn	ess and	Blindness

References

Wood, N. & Dockrell, J. Psychological assessment procedures for assessing deaf or hard-of-hearing children. January 2010. <u>Educational and Child Psychology</u> 27(2):11-22

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258622676_Psychological_assessment_proced_ ures_for_assessing_deaf_or_hard-of-hearing_children



79

References

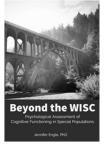
Beyond the WISC: Psychological assessment of cognitive functioning in special populations

https://pressbooks.bccampus.ca/jengle/

Wood, N. & Dockrell, J. Psychological assessment procedures for assessing deaf or hard-of-hearing children. January 2010. Educational and Child Psychology 27(2):11-22

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258622676 Psychological assessment_procedures_for_assessing_deaf_or_hard-of-hearing_children





80

Resources

 $\frac{https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Resources-for-Assessment-of-Learners-who-are-deaf-or-hard-of-hearing.pdf$

https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/for-professionals/assessment-of-student-skills-challenges-needs/http://www.nasdse.org/docs/nasdse-3rd-ed-7-11-2019-final.pdf?fbclid=lwAR0FDGNjmLg-8mbPU1IZhOWos8dFT2f5_7ltpLpo-LvnaD0_BO4z-j9qaQ4

C	THE OUTRE	ACH	CENTER
CO	for Deafness	and	Blindness

Q and A	
Digging Deeper Additional Learning Opportunities	