

**A Sound Beginning:
Promoting Listening and Spoken Language for children with hearing loss**

October 5 & 6, 2006

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Featuring Keynote Address Speaker: K. Todd Houston, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Cert. AVT, Executive Director of The Alexander Graham Bell Association.

Conference Agenda

October 5 -- Carol Flexer presents "**Achieving Spoken Communication and Literacy Outcomes for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.**" At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to describe neuroplasticity and auditory brain development as the foundation for listening, language and literacy; discuss the five aspects of literacy development as auditory skills, implement home and classroom acoustic modifications, outline distance learning implications, and detail instructional strategies for facilitating listening in infants and children.

About Carol Flexer, Ph.D.

Carol Flexer received her doctorate in audiology from Kent State University. She was at The University of Akron for 25 years as a Distinguished Professor of Audiology in the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Her special areas of expertise include pediatric and educational audiology. She continues to lecture nationally and internationally, and has authored more than 150 publications. She has co-edited four books: *How the Student with Hearing Loss Can Succeed in College*, first and second editions, and *Sound-Field Amplification: Theory and Practical Applications*, first and second editions. Ms. Flexer has also authored *Facilitating Hearing and Listening in Young Children*, first and second editions. She is a past President of the Educational Audiology Association, a past board member of Auditory-Verbal International (Cert. AVT), and a past president of the American Academy of Audiology. Currently, she is a board member of the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, and President-Elect of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. For her research and advocacy for children with hearing loss, Dr. Flexer received the *Volta Award*, the most prestigious award conferred by AG Bell. Dr. Flexer is also a Certified Laughter Leader.

October 6 -- Warren Estabrooks presents "**Foundations of Listening**" At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to understand the principles of comprehensive auditory-verbal therapy and practice, learn techniques, strategies and procedures for helping babies, infants, and young children who are hearing impaired to achieve maximum use of their auditory potential for developing the foundations of spoken conversation, analyze a broad range of auditory-verbal activities in order to develop therapy targets in audition, speech, language, cognition and communication, demonstrate auditory-verbal therapeutic skills in pediatric cochlear implant habilitation, and develop skills in auditory-verbal treatment planning, therapy, carry-over and charting.

Warren Estabrooks is Director of the Learning to Listen Foundation (LTLF), in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Estabrooks is a Global Ambassador of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and a founding Director of the A. G. Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. He is an Honorary Director of Bundesverein für Auditiv-Verbale Therapie Deutschland e.V. (BVAVT) and AV Israel. Mr. Estabrooks was a founding Director of Auditory-Verbal International Inc. (AVI). He is registered with the College of Teachers of Ontario and has held the position of assistant professor at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. Estabrooks is also a global consultant who lectures worldwide about auditory-verbal therapy, auditory (re)habilitation, childhood hearing impairment and cochlear implant habilitation. He is instrumental in the training and development of professionals in related pediatric and adult disciplines.

Mr. Estabrooks has been honored with the Susann Schmid-Giovannini Award for international excellence in auditory-verbal practice, the Professional of the Year Award from the International Organization for the Education of the Hearing Impaired (IOEHI), the Dr. E.W. Wight Memorial Scholarship and the Peter R. Newman Humanitarian Award in recognition of his contribution to children who are deaf and their families around the world. He has been acclaimed to the Canadian Who's Who as a Canadian of Influence. The Learning to Listen Foundation received the first International Voice of Deafness Award and has twice been honored as the International Program of the Year from the professional section of A. G. Bell (INPROSEC).

**REGISTRATION FOR: "A SOUND BEGINNING: Promoting listening and spoken language for children with hearing loss".
October 5&6, 2006 at Pineland Farms, New Gloucester, Maine.**

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Thursday, October 5 (Carol Flexor) \$65.00

Friday, October 6 (Warren Estabrooks) \$65.00

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