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CO-HEAR CORNER

Meet Sarah Mullervy, our newest CO-Hear who lives in Fruita, CO and will be covering Grand and Mesa Counties.

I received my Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and I previously worked clinically before deciding my true passion is working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. I strongly believe early intervention is an incredibly beneficial and important service, and I am committed to working with families to provide resources and support throughout this journey.

I was inspired to study hearing, communication, and speech and language development as a result of growing up with a deaf younger brother who received bilateral cochlear implants. My family did not receive early intervention services, and I realize now how much that would've helped not only my brother, but also my entire family. Because of this, I will be a strong advocate for families to access and receive a variety of services that will best serve them and the goals they have for their child related to communication.

I am married and have a beautiful, curious son! I have learned to love the beauty of living in a desert environment, but I grew up in a small mountain town, so I don't think I'll ever get over the scarcity of trees here! I also grew up with 2 biological sisters, 7 adopted siblings, and a plethora of pets, so I am very familiar and comfortable with the chaos that comes with a full house!

I am learning ASL, and am thrilled to join the Outreach and CO-Hear team, as well as build relationships with the families on the western slope. I feel so fortunate that I am blessed to be part of their journey.

Please give Sarah a GRAND welcome to the team!

CHECK THIS OUT

The padlet now has recorded trainings! These trainings are from the Fall 2022 CHIP Chat sessions, hosted by Kelly Doolittle. The following are available for you to view:

1. Audiology with Elaine Kim McCarty
2. Fillable PDF Assessments with Allison Sedey
3. MacArthur with Allison Sedey
4. Communication Matrix – Part 1 with Dinah Beams
5. Communication Matrix – Part 2 with Dinah Beams
6. LENA with Dinah Beams

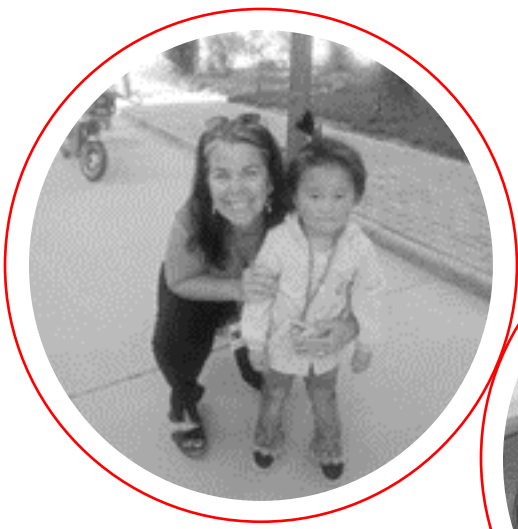
We will add more recordings as we get them! If you have ideas of a training that would be beneficial, or if you are interested in providing a training, contact your CO-Hear.

Access the padlet here:

https://padlet.com/arenslow/chip_scope-and-sequence-resources-qtqI91nxivug

Password: CHIP_S&S





WHO'S WHO

Meet Susie Broderick!

I have had the extreme pleasure of working as a facilitator with the Colorado Home Intervention Program for over 30 years. I have learned that our work to truly empower families and to guide and to support them in their journey is very fulfilling yet also very challenging. I recognize what an honor and privilege it is to work with and learn alongside families as they evolve and grow in their journey to best support their child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing. I think one of the things I am most proud of in my work with families is my ability to truly join a family. The art of joining a family pushes us to be authentic, present, and to suspend judgement. Sometimes that means that we need to be more of a listener than a coach, that our suggestions and opinions are just that, and that we essentially believe that families know their child best and will make the best decision for their child. In challenging moments or times when I feel frustrated, I strive to have the mindset that families are doing the best they can in that given moment. One aspect of my work that I have tried to refine over the years in my sessions with families is to do more modeling than talking and to leave enough time at the end of a session to recap strategies I have modeled. I then invite families to identify the strategy that they will weave into their daily routines for that week. I have found that using this structure helps me to clearly model strategies, but to ultimately empower families to make it their own and to apply the learned strategies to their day-to-day lives.

I currently work in three different counties with three different CCBs; I love this because it provides me the amazing support from three different CO-Hears, which I find to be invaluable. Throughout the years this relationship has added so much to my work, and the support shared has allowed me to refine my practice and to continue to grow and learn as a facilitator. I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to utilize their CO-Hears!

When I am not working you'll find me enjoying time with my husband, Greg and our daughter, Alia, or relaxing or practicing yoga in our Coal Creek mountain home, but more likely you'll find us adventuring in the outdoors skiing the deepest powder, rafting rivers, mountain biking, or hiking the mountain trails right out our front door!

“As I reflect on my own professional journey, I have realized that families have truly been MY teacher and that they have taught me so many valuable lessons along the way.”



RESOURCE ROUND UP

Universal Preschool Colorado: You can follow the updates for Colorado UPK here -> <https://cdec.colorado.gov/universal-preschool-colorado-0>

Ascent: Have you heard about the Ascent program? Ascent is an EHDI funded program, offered through the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, that connects families with adults who are deaf or heard of hearing!

Check out the video to learn more:

<https://youtu.be/UDILZzTlg6o>

Find information about the program or meet the adults on the website: <https://www.coehdi.org/ascent-program/>

Department of Early Childhood: If you're not yet connected with the CDEC, you can check out their website to access the UPK application, find resources, and get information for providers or families. <https://cdec.colorado.gov/>

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events and Conferences:

Northern CO	April 15	1 – 3 pm, Platteville Fire Station
Pikes Peak	April 19	5:30 – 7:30 pm, Little Monkey Bizness
RMDS Toddler Program	May 5	10 am – 12 pm, Aquarium Contact: Susie Broderick
Pikes Peak	May-Sept	Summers at the Park Contact: Jill Cimino
North Den	May- Aug	Summers at the Park Contact: Elaine Kim McCarty
Northern CO	May- Aug	Summers at the Park Contact: Kelly Doolittle
WREIC	June 13-15	Cheyenne, WY



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