



Hearing and Speech Center of Northern California (HSC) celebrated its 100-year anniversary in May, 2017. Situated in downtown San Francisco, the center is home to an extensive range of services created to address communication challenges throughout an individual's lifespan.

As a non-profit, the HSC has dedicated itself to establishing holistic models of care and adapting those services to meet the unique needs of its clients. Services range from early identification and intervention for infants with hearing loss and speech-language concerns, to school advocacy and support for children, to homework groups, tutoring and peer mentoring for youth, to job readiness and employment placement for adults, to outreach & care for seniors. The staff includes audiologists, speech pathologists, educators and social workers. The care model is designed to be holistic, comprehensive and far reaching.

Recently the HSC was awarded the #1 spot by Bay Area Consumers' Checkbook for overall rankings of 50 hearing clinics surveyed in the entire Bay Area. Tracy Peck Holcomb, AuD, Director of Clinical Services at the HSC and past president of the California Academy of Audiology, believes that such an award is reflective of the core values of the agency and how they manifest in the care and treatment of those with hearing loss.

Dr. Holcomb says, "At the HSC we have adamantly resisted the commoditization of hearing health care, in particular the apparent trends in the field to push hearing aids out to the public without support models that take into consideration the situational and unique circumstances every client faces. We are

extremely concerned that clients are being convinced that the only solution is for them to purchase high priced hearing aids when often there are less expensive options, such as communication strategies, technologies including assistive listening devices, plus auditory training, education and counseling that can either substitute for or complement a hearing aid. Comprehensive and quality hearing healthcare should be available to all individuals with hearing loss, not just those who can



*Darragh Kennedy and Dr Tracy Peck Holcomb at HSC*

afford to pay for premium products."

Darragh Kennedy, CEO of the HSC and an industry veteran of nearly 25 years adds, "For decades our services have been deeply rooted in our mission, which is to provide lifelong services to support all people with hearing or communication challenges in achieving their goals. However in recent years we have shared the frustrations, suspicions and fatigue of our clients as we have watched our field rush to push expensive technology out to the market without the same push for complementary holistic care. We had to make the very conscious decision as an agency to incorporate advocacy as a distinct element of how we can be of service to the public, both locally and on a larger scale.

Being a non-profit agency enables HSC staff members to be very thoughtful and deliberate in

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how they provide care. The charitable support HSC receives allows it to move outside the traditional model of audiological care and offer a variety of innovative programs such as tinnitus support groups, health care professional trainings, hearing loss and cochlear implant support groups, college and employment prep classes for individuals with hearing loss. Particular focus is paid to the needs of seniors and HSC also provides care (through Project Homeless Connect) to those in low income senior residences. It is one of only a few providers for clients with Medi-Cal and California Children's Services (CCS) in the Bay Area. The majority of these programs take place in the Center's community lab, which is equipped with an induction loop to give access to sound and improve clarity of speech for clients who have the telecoil feature in their hearing aids. In addition, HSC is a host to the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP), a program that delivers free amplified phones to those with hearing loss (and other disabilities).

Through the years, HSC has made a concerted effort to foster and build an extensive network of collaborative partnerships with other community organizations sharing similar core values. These partnerships not only strengthen their ability to provide direct comprehensive services but also help to support their advocacy efforts.



When asked how they manage to stay motivated and committed, both Dr. Peck and Mr. Kennedy respond almost in unison, "We are here to be of service and constantly guided by our mission. Our job is to do what is right for the public so it makes our jobs very distinct and clear. We look forward to continued collaboration with HLAA and its members to ensure that our services remain client-centric, adaptive and comprehensive."

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loss is. I was very lucky that my guide was well aware of the challenges of communicating for people with hearing loss. This is not always the case. Be sure to explain your needs fully.

I provided the same information to our local Cuban guide when we met him later in the day. He spoke English well, but with an accent, which is always a challenge for me. I let him know that I would be standing close to him while he was speaking so that I could hear him and see his face for lip reading. I didn't want him to feel odd or uncomfortable with my constant presence.

Although it wasn't always possible on the tour, when a smaller group went for coffee or a snack, I made sure to request a quiet corner table. On previous trips, I have asked the hotel concierge to suggest quieter restaurants or places with outside seating and to reserve a table for me ahead of time.

### Remind People What You Need

People often forget about hearing loss because it is invisible, so don't be shy when reminding people about your needs. Through gentle prompting (the hand behind the ear usually works well) and frequent requests for the guide to use the microphone on the bus, I was able to understand most of what he said. When I had questions, I asked them, usually later as a follow-up one-on-one in order to keep the group moving.

When logistical information was given, the guide wrote down critical times and locations, which was appreciated by all of us, hearing loss or not. Just in case, I was prepared with a notebook and pen in my bag to make taking my own notes easy in case something was mentioned along the way.

### Bring Ear Protection

I was amazed how loud traveling can be, particularly in an underdeveloped country. The old cars in Cuba (most are 1950's American cars) did not have noise suppression technology the way we do now. The trucks were equally old and smelly and caused quite a racket as they barreled down the streets of the small towns we visited. One evening I turned off my hearing aids to remove the auditory overload and enjoyed the visual peace and quiet of a small Cuban town. It made quite a difference.

Another day, we took a 15 minute ride on a commuter ferry, which I clocked at 95 decibels! I quickly turned off my hearing aids so they would act as earplugs, but I felt bad for others on my trip who did not have that option. I can only imagine the hearing damage suffered by the locals who use this ferry on a daily basis.

Enjoying local music performances is a wonderful part of traveling, but this can also be very loud. One local club was playing music at 110 decibels. I walked right out despite the wonderful performers. Nothing is worth damaging my hearing further. In quieter venues, I was prepared with earplugs...and I brought along a few extra pairs to share with my traveling companions.

### Bring Extra Batteries and Chargers

Your devices won't work without power; be sure to bring a sufficient supply of batteries as replacements

may be harder to find in unfamiliar locations. Pack a supply of batteries in different travel bags in case one gets misplaced. Check that all your chargers are working well and bring an extra if you have one

### Have a Backup Plan

Having your hearing aids on the fritz can be troubling at any time, but when you are far away from home and from your audiologist (in another country, for example) it can feel like a disaster. Make a backup plan before you go and test it out so you can easily implement it if needed. Examples include using a pocket-talker, an FM system, or connecting a high-quality headset to an app like EarMachine on your smartphone. If you have spare hearing aids, bring those too.

Traveling is all about embracing different people and places, and my trip to Cuba was no different. With the right advance planning, self-advocacy behaviors and a positive attitude, traveling can be a wonderful experience for people with hearing loss. *Where should I go next?*

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and crisis counseling, stressmgmt  
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National, [www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org)  
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**Parent Links**, Parent to Parent Support  
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Parent Mentors are Parents of D/HoH  
children, [www.myparentlinks.com](http://www.myparentlinks.com)

## For Youth

**Training & Advocacy Group (TAG)**, LA  
Self-Advocacy group for D/HoH children  
& teens, [www.tagkids.us](http://www.tagkids.us)

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Special education law

**John Waldo**, [john@wash-cap.com](mailto:john@wash-cap.com)

Captioning of movies/theatre

**Gaylord & Nantais**, [gaylordnantais.com](http://gaylordnantais.com)  
Hearing Loss Claims

## Resource Guide

**UC San Francisco** online guide:  
*Navigating Your Hearing Loss , A  
Comprehensive Resource for the San  
Francisco Bay Area and Beyond*  
[hearing.ucsf.edu](http://hearing.ucsf.edu)

## Clinics

**UC Irvine**, Cochlear implant services  
714-456-5853, [www.ent.uci.edu](http://www.ent.uci.edu)

**The HEAR Center**, Pasadena  
Hearing/speech therapy, Community out  
reach, hearing aid dispensing. All ages,  
[www.hearcenter.org](http://www.hearcenter.org) 626-796-2016

**House Ear Clinic**, Los Angeles  
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Audiology Clinic, 415-353-2101  
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materials [www.oraldeafed.org](http://www.oraldeafed.org)

## Financial Aid

**Audient Alliance**  
[audientalliance.org](http://audientalliance.org) 206-838-7194

**Let them Hear Foundation**, Palo Alto  
650-462-3143 <http://www.letthemhear.org>

**Refurbished Hearing Aids**, Sacramento  
916-340-5493 [cnoble@sonn.com](mailto:cnoble@sonn.com)

## Career Counseling/Employment Services

**HLLA Employment Toolkit**  
[www.hearingloss.org/advocacy/  
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## Online Videos

**Listen and Speak**, children  
[www.oraldeafed.org/movies/index.html](http://www.oraldeafed.org/movies/index.html)

## Hearing Loops

### LoopFinder

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## Lip Reading Classes

[www.hearinglossca.org/communication](http://www.hearinglossca.org/communication)

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[www.hearinglosshelp.com](http://www.hearinglosshelp.com)  
[www.upcspine.com](http://www.upcspine.com)  
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#### **Dolls with Disabilities**

[www.mymakie.com](http://www.mymakie.com)

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[www.janicehintz.com](http://www.janicehintz.com)

#### **Pat Dobbs**

Empowering people with Hearing Loss  
[www.HearingLossRevolution.com](http://www.HearingLossRevolution.com)

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An Alternative Hearing Experience  
[www.soundforlight.com](http://www.soundforlight.com)

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[www.lahearing.com](http://www.lahearing.com)

#### **Hearing Loss Info and Treatment**

[www.hear-it.org](http://www.hear-it.org)

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[www.hearingmojo.com](http://www.hearingmojo.com)

#### **Better Hearing Institute**

[www.betterhearing.org](http://www.betterhearing.org)

#### **Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Program**

DCARA, [www.dcara.org](http://www.dcara.org)

#### **Deafness in Disguise**

History of hearing devices  
[beckerehibits.wustl.edu/did](http://beckerehibits.wustl.edu/did)

#### **Deafness Research Foundation**

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[www.drif.org](http://www.drif.org)

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<https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/visit/accessibility> (scroll to bottom of page)

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<http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org/tickets-and-subscriptions/accessibility-services>

#### **La Mirada Theatre**

<http://lamiradatheatre.com/accessibility/>

#### **Center Theatre Group**

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<https://www.centertheatregroup.org/programs/audiences/access/>

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<https://www.musiccenter.org/visit/Getting-Here-and-Around/Accessibility/>

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<http://www.valleyperformingartscenter.org/visit/accessibility/>

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<https://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/visit/#accessibility> (Inductive loop system)

#### **San Diego Theatres**

##### **Balboa & Civic**

<http://sandiegotheatres.org/audience-services/>

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<https://www.berkeleyrep.org/boxoffice/accessibility.asp>

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<http://www.calshakes.org/v4/visit/accessibility.html>

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<https://www.californiamusicaltheatre.com/about/accessibility/>

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<https://sfcurran.com/visit/#accessibility>

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<https://www.shnsf.com/online/article/ADA>

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