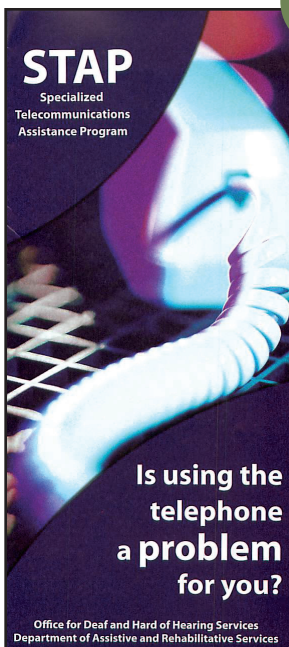


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Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program



The Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP) is a state-wide program that provides financial assistance for the purchase of specialized assistive equipment or services for Texans having a disability that interferes with their ability to access the telephone network.

Individuals interested in requesting assistance must complete and submit an application to the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services /Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DARS/DHHS) where it

will be reviewed to determine if the applicant meets the criteria as defined by law. Qualifying applicants are sent a voucher that may be used to purchase beneficial telecommunication equipment or services. The face value of the voucher is determined by the approved equipment, which is named on the issued voucher. Only registered vendors can redeem vouchers.

Eligibility

To qualify, you must be a Texas resident with a disability that interferes with your ability to use the telephone and be requesting financial assistance for a device that will enable you to access the telephone network.

The STAP brochure and application form is available at **Heard It Through The Grapevine Audiology**. You can also access more information online at <http://www.dars.state.tx.us>.

COMMUNICATION TIP

Is lip reading helpful?

Yes! Although we may not be formally trained in lip reading, we do it often anyway. By looking at the face of people with whom we are speaking, we can see many important cues. Your eyes will help you fill in messages that you cannot clearly hear. Not only is it important to be facing the person you are speaking with to obtain these visual cues, but you can actually hear speech better. So, keep this in mind next time you are shouting from one end of your house to the other!

WELCOME Dr. Trent Lawless

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Trent Lawless as a full-time audiologist for **Heard It Through The Grapevine Audiology**.

“We have been very pleased with Trent’s performance during his clinical residency this past year. He has been a tremendous asset to the practice and instrumental in building relationships with our patients,” said Dr. Tara Wheeler, owner of HTGA.



Dr. Lawless joined HTGA as an extern in June 2008. He received both of his degrees, a Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology and a Doctorate of Audiology, from the University of North Texas in Denton.

BATTERY FACTS

To prolong the life of your hearing aid batteries:

- Open battery drawer at night to avoid moisture buildup on battery contacts.
- Keep the tabs on batteries until you're ready to use them. The tab prevents air from entering the battery and activating it before it is ready to be used.
- Most digital aids beep when the battery is running low. It's very uncommon that both ears have equal hearing loss so the wearer should not expect equal battery life from both hearing aids.
- Store batteries at room temperature. Avoid storing them in hot places since heat will shorten battery life. Refrigeration is not recommended.
- Do not carry loose batteries in your packet as metal objects such as coins or keys can short out batteries.

Featured Product

Hearing Aid Batteries Now Available for Purchase

HTGA is now offering Power One™ hearing aid batteries to our hearing aid users. These high-quality batteries may be purchased in 6-month or 12-month supplies and are mailed right to your door. All shipping costs are included. Price listed is the same for all battery sizes (10, 13, 312, 675).

Number of Hearing Aids	6-Month Supply	12-Month Supply
1	\$40.50	\$74.00
2	\$80.50	148.00

Call (817) 488-1637 to place your battery order today!

KID'S KORNER

Does Your Child Show Signs of Hearing Loss?

Does your child-

- Frequently misunderstand what is said and ask for repetition?
- Have difficulty following verbal instructions?
- Turn up the volume on the TV or radio?
- Get distracted easily?
- Have difficulty listening or paying attention when there is background noise?
- Have speech and/or language problems?
- Have behavior problems?

Children with hearing loss may demonstrate some, many, or none of these behaviors, and the behaviors may vary at different ages. If you answered yes to one or more of these questions or your child has failed a hearing screening, your child may have a hearing loss. Have your child's hearing evaluated by an audiologist.

Hearing, Noise, and School-Aged Children, American Speech-Language Hearing Association, www.asha.org



HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS

Hearing Loss Association of America

Local chapters within DFW metroplex

www.hearingloss.org/chapters

SayWhatClub (SWC)

Non-profit internet based organization run by volunteers for people with hearing loss or interested in hearing loss issues.

www.saywhatclub.com

Meet Our Staff

Dr. Tara Wheeler - Dr. Wheeler received her doctorate of audiology from the University of Texas at Dallas. She resides in Grapevine with her husband, Paul, and daughter, Zoe, age 4. Dr. Wheeler enjoys knitting and traveling.

Trent Lawless - Dr. Lawless completed his doctorate of audiology from the University of North Texas. He is a native of Rockwall and currently lives in Dallas. Dr. Lawless enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

Margie Swoyer - Margie is the Business Manager at HTGA. She received her B.S. in Industrial Administration from Iowa State University. She lives in Southlake with her husband, Randy, and their two sons, Matt and Jacob. Margie enjoys sewing, reading, and watching her sons' sporting events.

