Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS

- **Audiologists** specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.

- **Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)** identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to older adults.

NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

- **About 7%** Americans have some form of language impairment.
- **About 15%** Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2018–2028, Texas is expected to see...

- **23%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **32%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS

- **20** higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Texas?

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### ABOUT US

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.