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 elderly.

**National and State Data**

- **6-8 million**: Americans have some form of language impairment.
- **36 million**: Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2016-2026, Kansas is expected to see...

- **9%**: Increase in demand for audiologists.
- **7%**: Increase in demand for speech-language pathologists.

**Education and Employment in Kansas**

- 4 accredited higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Kansas?

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About Us

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.