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, North Dakota is expected to see...

- **16%** increase in demand for audiologists
- **21%** increase in demand for speech-language pathologists

Education and Employment in North Dakota

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

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in North Dakota?

- **Education Facilities**
  - 7% Audiologists
  - 62% SLPs
- **Health Care Facilities**
  - 83% Audiologists
  - 32% SLPs
- **Other Facilities**
  - 10% Audiologists
  - 6% SLPs

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

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