Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Wed., April 19, 2017 – 1:00-3:00 PM

We invite you to join us for an Autism Awareness Month educational event. Children with co-occurring Deafness or Hard of Hearing (DHH) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) often have a delayed diagnosis, therefore also have delayed intervention. Many professionals are unable to separate behaviors associated with deafness and hearing loss from those associated with autism. Furthermore, professionals with expertise in autism are often unable to communicate directly with children who are DHH who use sign language, are unfamiliar with deafness and how autism may impact their sign or spoken language communication both receptively and expressively. Children with dual diagnosis are often the most complex children that professionals in deafness and hearing loss need to screen, diagnosis and re/habilitate. The presence of this dual diagnosis can significantly complicate developmental outcomes and requires highly specialized intervention. This webinar is for care coordinators, health department personnel, school personnel, and other professionals working with children. Anyone is welcome to attend this free webinar at the live site or online.

Following this event, the audience will better understand:

- “Red flags” which may indicate the presence of ASD symptoms, distinct from symptoms related to the child’s hearing loss
- Unique considerations for referral, screening, assessment, and intervention for dually diagnosed children
- Local, state-wide, and national resources

Agenda:
1:00-1:05 – Welcome and Introductions
1:05-2:00 – Description of the unique presentation of ASD among children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
2:00-2:45 – Considerations for referral, screening, diagnostic assessment and intervention
2:45-3:00 – Wrap-up and Q&A

Speakers:
- Christie Yoshinaga-Itano, PhD, Research Professor, Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder
- Deborah Mood, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado

Registration:
www.jfkpartners.org - click on the Events tab
Pre-registration by Fri., Apr 14 2017 is required due to space limitations for both the live site and a webinar connection.

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