





Call INDIANA Annual Report



When I started as the executive director for Hear Indiana, it was always supposed to be temporary. A little history for those who don't know how I ended up here...

In 2002 I graduated with my Masters in Speech and Hearing Sciences and moved to Indiana. A year later, I established a private practice called Horton Hears LLC. I was working as an early interventionist, but I was finding that the system(s) in Indiana weren't working well to move newborns (identified with hearing loss at birth) into intervention. Case in point: In 2006, most of my referrals from Indiana's early intervention program were for toddlers who had been identified as deaf or hard of hearing at birth but had received no prior therapy. But Winnie-the-Pooh pushed me to do more, "You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."

So, I decided to join the board of Hear Indiana—I saw (and still see) this organization as a vehicle for systemic change. One thing led to another, and in 2008, I was hired as a part-time executive director. The plan was to help Hear Indiana build a solid financial foundation in order to expand programming and create systemic change (and then for me to return to my private practice).

I was, however, aiming for a moving goal post. Hear Indiana did expand programming (significantly) year after year. We aimed high, and our advocacy work helped to establish the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education, as well as the Hearing Aid Assistance Program of Indiana (HAAPI) under the Department of Health. Each year our talented staff thought of more that could be done through this amazing organization!

Over the last few years, I have come to the realization that we have reached the goal I had set many moons ago. With an endowment (now valued over \$2.5 million), strong cash reserves to buffer any unexpected challenge (even a pandemic), and an incredibly strong staff (have I mentioned how amazing they are??), I decided it was time for me to get back to my first love: providing listening and spoken language therapy.

My heart is going to be at Hear Indiana long after I am... To this end, I have decided to make a planned gift, by adding Hear Indiana to my will. I know many of you reading this have also been involved with Hear Indiana as long as I have (or longer). I invite each of you to join me in a planned giving pledge today. With your help, future Hear Indiana staff members will receive "gifts from heaven" to continue our work supporting deaf and hard of hearing children and their families for generations to come. Note: all Legacy Society members will be recognized at the 50th Anniversary Gala on October 9. Please join me!

It seems impossible to say good-bye to this organization and its people... but Winnie-the-Pooh also once said, "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."



Naomi Horton, Hear Indiana CEO

Yours forever in the cause,

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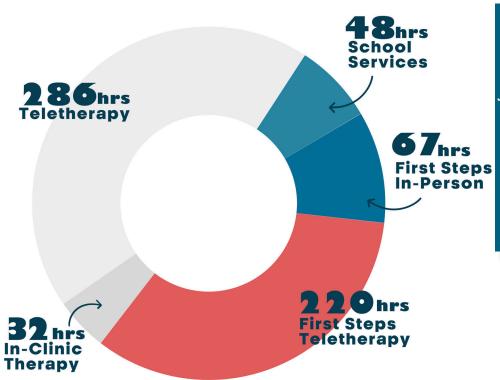
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Early on in 2020, our Audiology care team was forced to halt in-person care for two months, but the global pandemic didn't stop us from making sure children were able to hear!

Our team stepped up, creating a website of COVID resources covering everything from basic device troubleshooting to technology for eLearning and tips for listening with face masks. Our Listening and Spoken Language therapists pivoted and began providing all services through telehealth nearly overnight, as well as online videos and tips to implement LSL therapies at home.

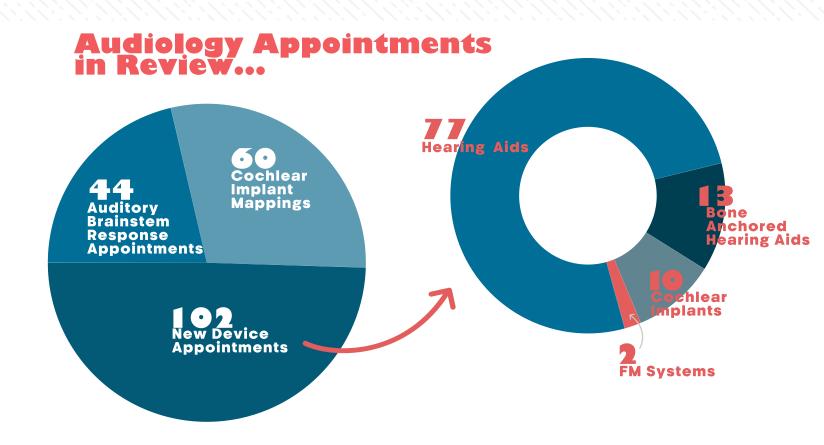
And our special education advocacy team quickly worked to create handouts and provide virtual services to help parents and teachers understand the provision of a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) during a pandemic.

Therapy Provision

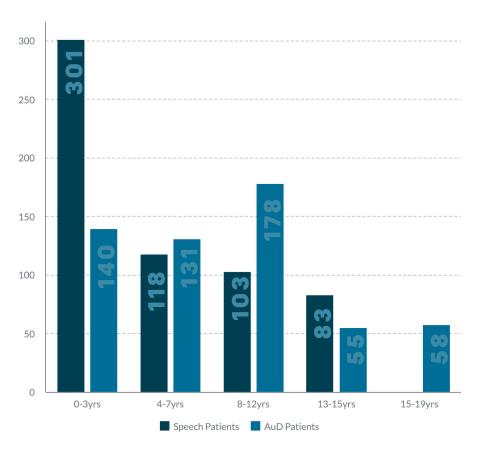


"Hear Indiana has provided comfort and convenience to our family in the recent uncertain times, by providing our family weekly visits from our home through their teletherapy options."

> - Laura Faulstich Mishawaka, IN

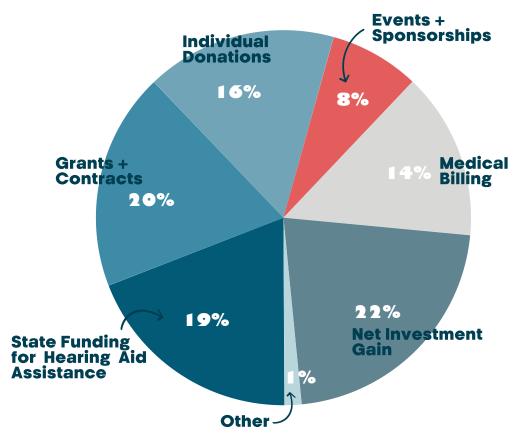


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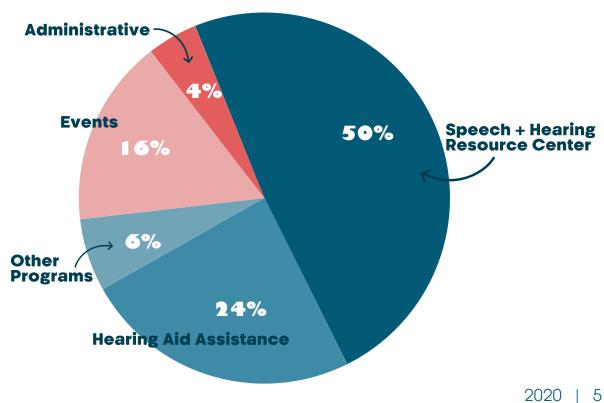






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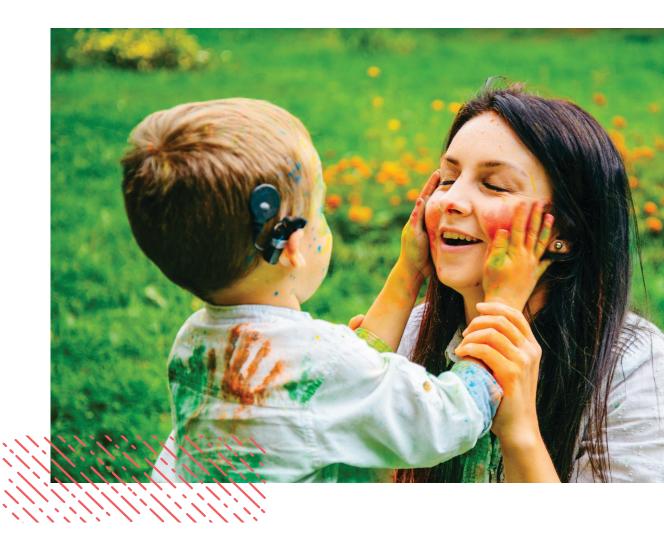
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