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Annual Report

a note

From Our **CEO**

Greetings Hear Indiana Friends,

Last year was most definitely a historical year for Hear Indiana as we celebrated our 50th year anniversary with many of you. Hear Indiana's founding parents had no idea that their efforts, which started off with advocacy for their own children and a few others who were deaf and hard of hearing, would grow and expand over the last fifty years into what it has become now.

At our 50th Anniversary Gala last year, we had the opportunity to hear from one of our founding parents that we honored, Sally Tanselle, as she talked about the early days. The fervor, dedication and advocacy that it took to make a difference in the lives of children with hearing loss then, has remained constant and at the very heart of Hear Indiana today.

We also honored the esteemed Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto for his outstanding work with cochlear implants and the difference he's made in the lives of babies and children using technology. This technology, along with early detection and all the listening and spoken language services Hear Indiana provides, continues to have a major impact on the trajectory of a child's future.

In the pages to follow, you will learn about the impact, outcomes and many accomplishments in 2021 all because of you and your support.

Although in history, these times may be remembered for much uncertainty, we want the children and families we serve to feel they were seen, supported and set up for success. A big thank you to all the friends and families of Hear Indiana for being so welcoming my first year. I look forward to a bright future together.

Yours in the cause,

Lisa F. Thornton

Lisa F. Thornton, CFRM
CEO



Lisa Thornton, Hear Indiana CEO

A person wearing a blue helmet and a white shirt is rappelling down a wooden structure. The structure is covered in colorful rock holds. The person is holding a rope and a belay device. The background is a clear blue sky.

454

virtual

**Run for Sound
Participants**

416

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**Listening+Spoken
Language Conference
Attendees**

55

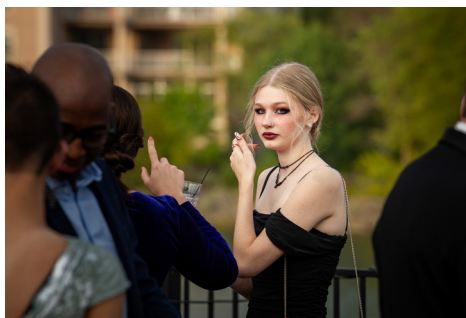
LSL Campers

celebration

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Marking fifty years of serving Hoosier families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing in 2021, Hear Indiana celebrated with a memorable, amazing 50th Anniversary Gala. The evening included a musical performance by America's Got Talent runner-up, Mandy Harvey, who has a personal connection to the community we serve through her own hearing loss. During the event, we honored a Hear Indiana founding member, Sally Tanselle, and the esteemed Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto for his outstanding work with cochlear implants and his service and dedication to children with hearing loss. The Gala also kicked off our campaign to expand our services to serve even more children who are deaf and hard of hearing through comprehensive language and speech evaluations.





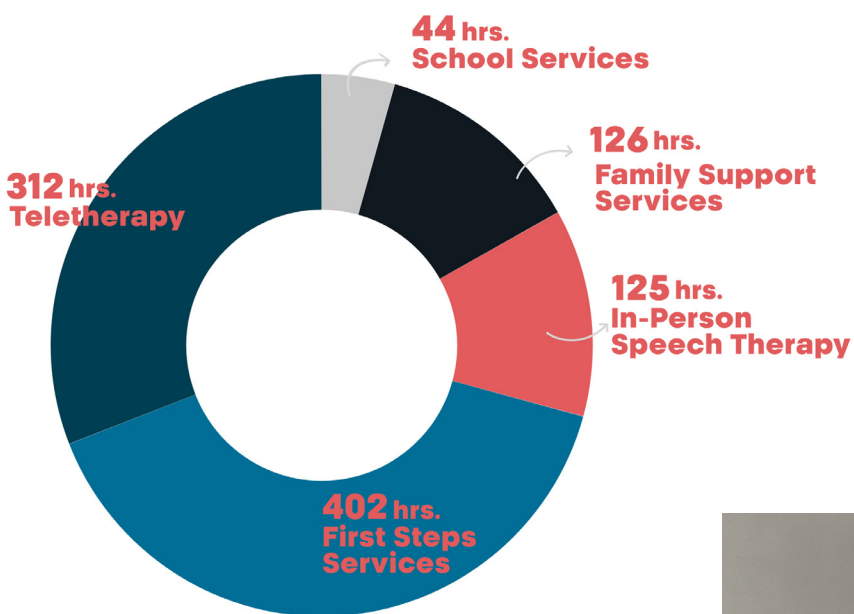
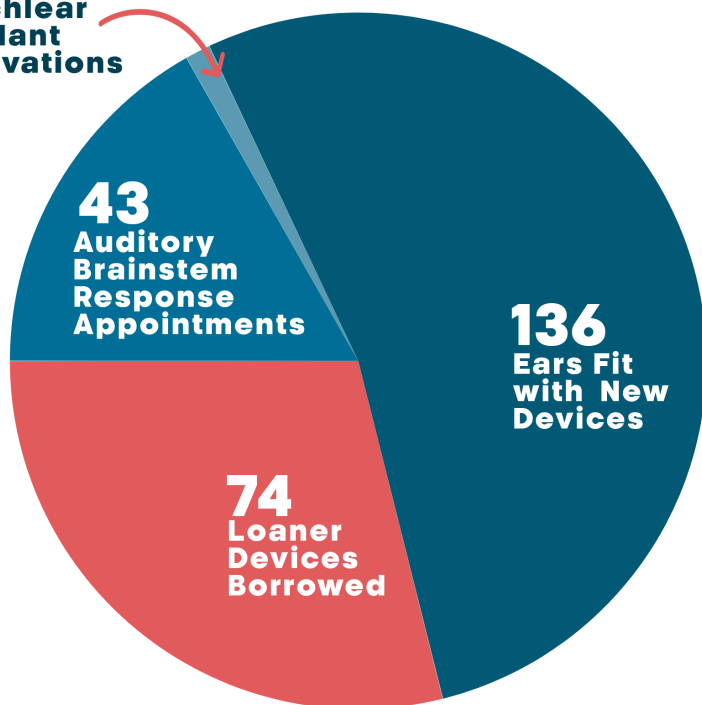
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Audiology Appointments

396

Hearing Evaluations

3
Cochlear
Implant
Activations



437

Hours of Speech Therapy Provided



a word From Our **Families**

“Perhaps the most critical help Hear Indiana has provided our family has been in being available to join us for case conferences with our school, advocating for our boys from the perspective of a certified Listening and Spoken Language professional. Parents can feel lost in a sea of legalese and school jargon that may be intimidating or confusing. And while school personnel often have some training in deaf education, we need someone with Listening and Spoken Language expertise to offer input on what should be included in an IEP and how to carry out the plans. Having Hear Indiana advocates on board for these meetings has given us confidence that our boys are getting the services they need.”

Ages: 6 & 9



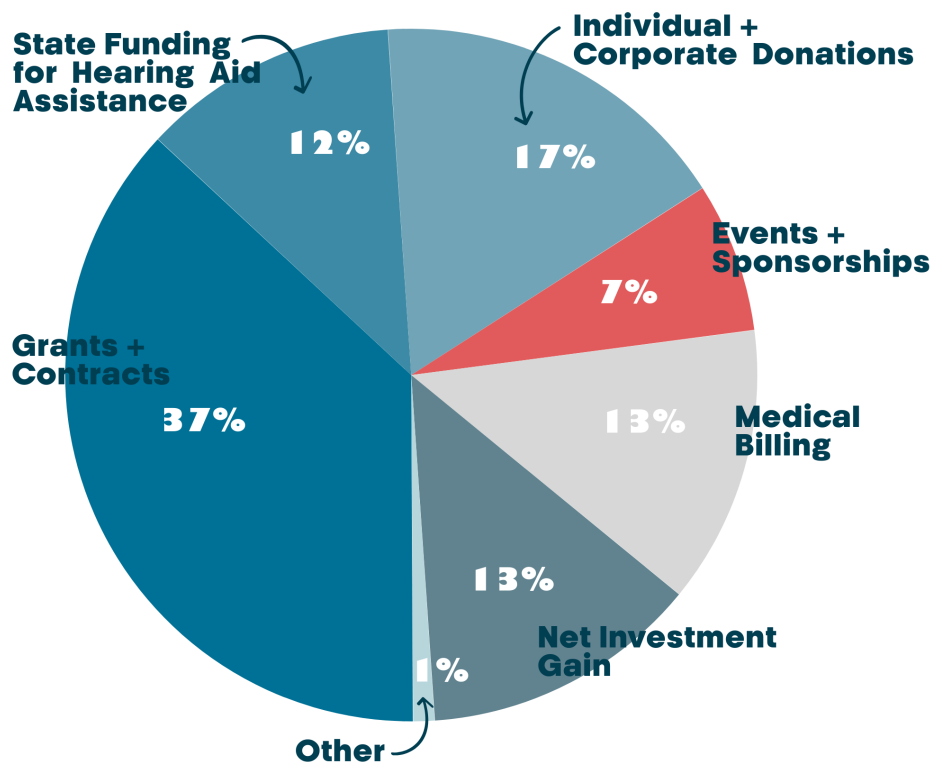
“After 5 years, [she] has FINALLY had her ‘light bulb moment’ I had been told about from her First Steps days. The combination of her cochlear implants along with the AMAZING weekly Listening and Spoken Language Services provided by Hear Indiana have been instrumental in facilitating [her] growth from two-word phrases to complete sentences in less than a year.”

Age 5

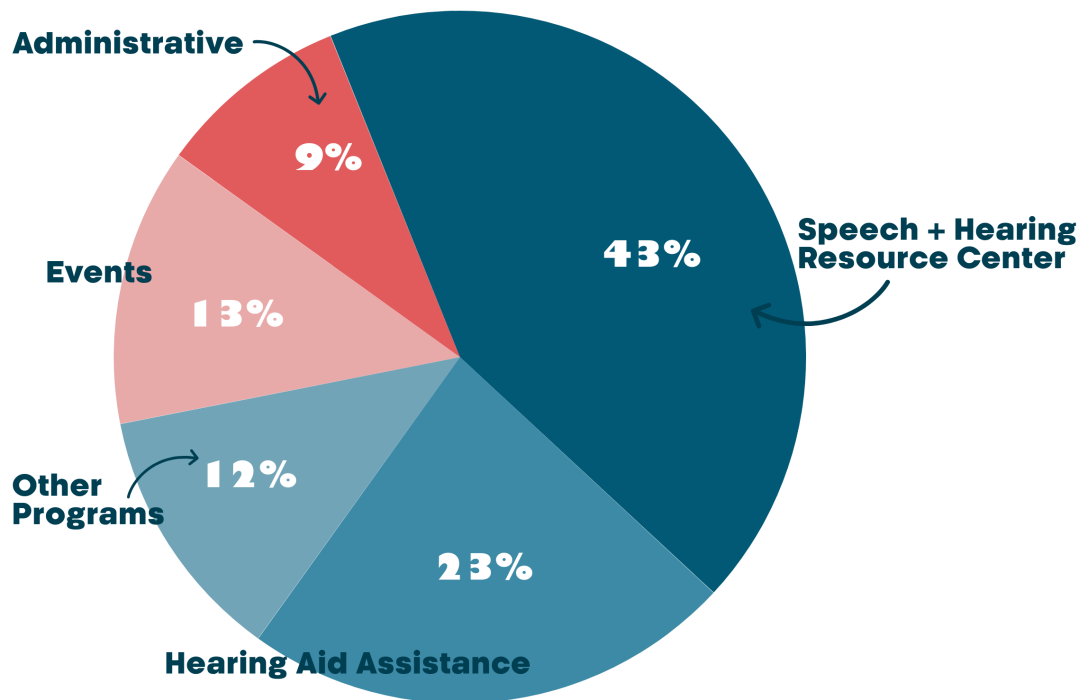
“Hear Indiana has been a blessing to work with and have in our lives and on our journey. The family-centered support has given [our daughter] the best start that she can have in this life.”

Age 3

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