

## About the Decibels Foundation

The Decibels Foundation was founded in 2002 by two high school friends who each had a child born deaf. Its mission is to ensure that (1) children aged 0-3 years and their families receive specialized early intervention services, and (2) the professionals working with this population in school settings are knowledgeable about the challenges these children face and that they are supported in helping these students succeed both academically and socially. The Decibels Foundation strives to ensure that every child with a hearing loss has the best chance to achieve to his or her full potential. This is the fourth workshop for professionals that the Decibels Foundation has sponsored.

For further information, please go to  
[www.decibelsfoundation.org](http://www.decibelsfoundation.org)

## About the Presenters

### **Marilyn Neault, Ph.D., CCC-A**

Marilyn Neault is the Director of Habilitative Audiology at Children's Hospital Boston and Assistant Professor of Otology and Laryngology at Harvard Medical School. She coordinates the audiology services for the Cochlear Implant Program at Children's Hospital. Marilyn serves on the Pediatric Assessment Committee of the American Academy of Audiology. In addition to her interest in cochlear implants and auditory neuropathy, she has expertise in the area of unilateral hearing loss in children.

### **Honore I. Weiner, Ed.D., CCC-SLP**

Honore Weiner was affiliated with the C.A.S.E. Collaborative Program for the Hearing/Speech/Language Impaired (Concord, MA) for 32 years, serving as Program Administrator for most of that time. Currently, she applies her extensive experience in educational programming by consulting to school districts to support placement of children with hearing loss in regular education settings.

### **Lannon Twomey, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Lannon Twomey is a knowledgeable, experienced and effective speech/language pathologist who worked in the C.A.S.E. Collaborative Program with young children with hearing loss for three years. She currently provides therapy and consultation to staff in the Boxborough Public Schools. In addition, she has a private practice.


### **Solange Anderson, MS, CCC-A**

Solange Anderson is the Phonak Pediatric and Wireless Expert for the Northeast covering New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Previously, she worked as a dispensing and diagnostic audiologist in a multi-office private practice.

### **Thomas Gilmartin, MS, CCC-SLP**

Tom Gilmartin worked as a speech-language pathologist at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester as well as the Leominster and Westborough public schools before accepting a position as the Classroom Audio Consultant for New England with Lightspeed Technologies.

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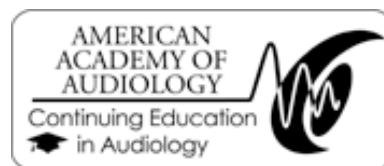


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*A certificate of attendance will be provided at the end of the day for documentation of PDP's.*

## Schedule

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| 8:00-8:30   | <b>Registration</b><br>Continental Breakfast   |
| 8:30-8:45   | <b>Welcome</b><br>Mark Dunning, Founder and President<br>The Decibels Foundation               |
| 8:45-10:45  | <b>Current Research and Clinical Perspectives on Unilateral Hearing Loss</b><br>Marilyn Neault |
| 10:45-11:00 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:00-12:00 | <b>Educational Considerations</b><br>Honore Weiner   |
| 12:00-1:15  | <b>Lunch in Dining Room</b>  |
| 1:15-2:15   | <b>Intervention Strategies, Methods and Materials</b><br>Lannon Twomey                         |
| 2:15-3:15   | <b>Technology for Children with UHL</b><br>Solange Anderson and Thomas Gilmartin               |
| 3:15-3:30   | <b>Questions</b>   |

## Learning Objectives

Attendees will be able to:

1. Describe current research perspectives regarding children with unilateral hearing loss.
2. Explain accommodations, including technology options, for children with unilateral hearing loss.
3. Identify strategies and materials for intervention sessions.

**For more information call:**

978-287-7878

**Registration Form:  
Understanding Unilateral  
Hearing Loss in Children**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Deadline: January 25, 2010**

Space is limited so register early!

**Cost:** \$50.00 (includes lunch)

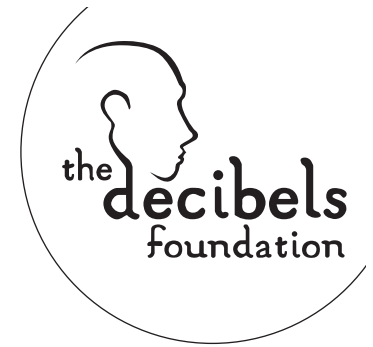
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Concord, MA 01742**



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**February 25, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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