

# “Engaging Parents in their Child’s Early Intervention”

**Presenter: Dr. Todd Houston**

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**2:30 – 4:00 PM EST**

Parents play a vital role as the primary language facilitators for their children with disabilities. Perspectives on parenting roles, especially fathers, continue to evolve. For children with speech and language delays, parents have tremendous responsibility to implement communication strategies in the home. However, this isn’t always the case. This session will explore strategies to foster greater parent participation and support for learning and communication outcomes in children with hearing loss and other diagnoses.

## Biography

K. Todd Houston, PhD, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT is a Professor of Speech-Language Pathology in the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, College of Health and Human Sciences, at the University of Akron. He also serves as a speech-language pathologist and Listening & Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS) Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist (Cert. AVT) for the Cochlear Implant Program in the ENT Center at Akron Children’s Hospital.

For more than 25 years, his professional focus has been serving young children with hearing loss and their families who are learning to listen and acquire spoken language as well as providing aural rehabilitation to adults with hearing loss. Over the past decade, Dr. Houston has incorporated telepractice into his service delivery and continues to provide direct services each week, both in-person and through telepractice, to young children with hearing loss and their families.

He has produced three recent books through Plural Publishing: *Telepractice In Speech-Language Pathology* (2014), *Assessing Listening and Spoken Language in Children with Hearing Loss* (with Dr. Tamala Bradham, 2015), and *Telepractice In Audiology* (with Dr. Emma Rushbrooke, 2016).

In addition, Dr. Houston is a founding partner and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the 3C Digital Media Network and hosts the podcast, *The Listening Brain*, and cohosts, with Kim Dutro Allen, the podcast, *Telepractice Today*. The 3C Digital Media Network is a digital media company that produces innovative content for allied health and related professionals. The company was co-founded with Scott Palasik, PhD, and Tamala S. Bradham, PhD.

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