

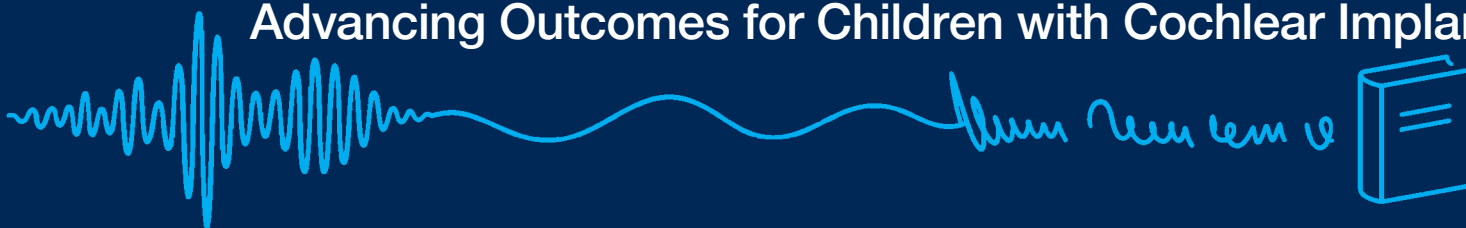
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Presented by Westchester Medical Center's Cochlear Implant Center & Partners in Hearing,  
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# Bridging Listening and Literacy:

## Advancing Outcomes for Children with Cochlear Implants



**Friday,  
Nov. 13, 2026  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.  
Kosher Meal provided



**New York Medical College  
30 Sunshine Cottage Road  
Valhalla, NY (Parking Provided)**



**\$55 Professionals  
\$25 Students**

Credits Available: CTLE (via PNW BOCES), ASHA

This seminar is designed for professionals and welcomes all educators. Attendees will also have opportunities to interact with cochlear implant company representatives and learn about the supports available through partnering organizations.

### Proposed Meeting Schedule

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| 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.        | <b>Morning Breakfast &amp; Check-In</b><br><i>Arrive, connect, and settle in for a full day of learning and collaboration</i>                                                     |
| 8:30 – 8:40 a.m.        | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b><br><i>Opening remarks led by Katrina Stidham, MD</i>                                                                                           |
| 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.        | <b>Keynote Presentation I</b><br><i>Elaine Smolen, PhD, CED, LSLS Cert. AVEd, will guide attendees through key concepts connecting listening, language, and literacy outcomes</i> |
| 9:50 – 10:30 a.m.       | <b>Breakout Session I</b><br><i>Choose a focused learning track designed for practical discussion and application</i>                                                             |
| 10:35 – 11:25 a.m.      | <b>Breakout Session II</b><br><i>Choose a focused learning track designed for practical discussion and application</i>                                                            |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <b>Lunch</b><br><i>Take time to recharge, network, and continue the conversation</i>                                                                                              |
| 12:35 – 1:30 p.m.       | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br><i>Hear from the experts and bring your questions for an engaging conversation</i>                                                                     |
| 1:35 – 2:35 p.m.        | <b>Keynote Presentation II</b><br><i>A deeper dive with Elaine Smolen into strategies that support children with cochlear implants</i>                                            |
| 2:35 – 2:45 p.m.        | <b>Q&amp;A with Keynote</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.        | <b>Closing Remarks</b>                                                                                                                                                            |



### Keynote Speaker:

Elaine Smolen, PhD, CED,  
LSLS Cert. AVEd  
Assistant Professor of Teaching,  
Teachers College –  
Columbia University

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This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint provider ship of New York Medical College and the Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network. New York Medical College designates this for .5 ASHA CEUs.

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This conference has been reviewed and approved by the APA Office of Continuing Education in Psychology to offer CE credits for psychologists. APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Participants will gain information about speech and language services used to foster the development of listening and oral language skills. Please note, The Cochlear Implant Team has no relevant financial disclosures or non-financial relationships related to the subjects discussed in the upcoming courses of discussion.

(Professional area: Intermediate) Program Completion Requirements: Participants must be present for the entire program. Individuals who are not present for the full program will not be provided with ASHA CEUs, CTLEs or APA CE Credits. No partial credit will be provided.