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**TLC TEACHES FAMILIES, EDUCATORS THE IMPORTANCE OF  
EARLY DETECTION**

*Series of events planned to mark May 2007 Better Hearing and Speech Month*

**Rockville, Md.** – To highlight the importance of detecting hearing, speech or language disorders at their earliest stage, TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers today announced a series of community education events in connection with National Better Hearing and Speech Month, celebrated in May.

Throughout the month, TLC— a local, private non-profit agency providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with a range of disabilities and typically developing children—offers community education events designed to raise awareness and promote treatment of speech, language or hearing disorders. Communication disorders include hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), difficulty with swallowing or balance, stuttering, delayed language, or voice problems. When detected early and treated properly, many people with communication disorders can drastically minimize their effects; however, untreated conditions often limit an individual’s academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement.

Since May 1927, Better Hearing and Speech Month has been celebrated to raise awareness of communication disorders that affect an estimated one in six Americans.

TLC’s May events include:

**WHAT:** Speech-Language Screenings  
**WHEN:** May 14-25; by appointment  
**AUDIENCE:** Children aged 3 to 12  
**COST:** Free  
**RSVP:** 301.424.5200 ext. 144

**WHAT:** Hearing Screenings  
**WHEN:** May 15 & 17; by appointment  
**AUDIENCE:** Children ages 4 and older  
**COST:** Free  
**RSVP:** 301.424.5200 ext. 159

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**WHAT:** “Activities to Encourage Language in the Home”

**SPEAKER:** Emily Kinsler, CCC-SLP.D.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**AUDIENCE:** Parents

**COST:** Free

**WHAT:** “Stuttering: Questions and Answers”

**SPEAKER:** Emily Kinsler, CCC-SLP.D. & Lindsey Avant, M.A., CCC-SLP

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**AUDIENCE:** Professionals

**COST:** \$25 (Professional Workshop Series)

Due to limited appointments and seating, reservations are required for these events. For more information, please call 301.424.5200 ext. 147. All events take place at TLC’s new location at 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville, Maryland.

### **About TLC**

TLC—Treatment and Learning Centers located in Rockville, Md., enables children and adults to develop their full potential, communicate effectively with others, and achieve educational and vocational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With more than 56 years of service to the community, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301.424.5200 or visit [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

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