

# The Audiology Department

## *Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind*

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The **Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB)**, a state school in Staunton, VA serving residential and day students, will continue to provide free diagnostic audiology services to all children of the surrounding communities.

- **Newborn Hearing Screening and Follow-up** (Birth to 6 months)
- **Comprehensive Hearing Testing** (7 months through 21 years)
- **Auditory Brainstem Response Testing** (By referral)
- **Hearing Loss Resources and Counseling**

**Undiagnosed and unmanaged hearing loss during childhood** places a child at significant risk of language delay, poor academic performance, and reduced social confidence. These outcomes may be greatly improved by early identification of hearing loss and appropriate follow-up care. If there are concerns for your child's language development or listening behaviors, your physician may recommend audiology testing to rule out an underlying hearing loss.



**Lindsey Richard**, a graduate of Longwood University and James Madison University, has been practicing Audiology since 2012. Dr. Richard has served patients in Ear, Nose, and Throat clinics as well as Audiology private practices in both North Carolina and Virginia.

Through its Outreach Services and Audiology Department, VSDB will provide newborn hearing screenings and comprehensive audiology evaluations to Virginia children at no charge. This effort will help to improve early identification of childhood hearing loss and promote appropriate support for language development and academic success for children throughout the Commonwealth.

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