



# 2nd Annual RiteCare Pediatric Speech Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 8am-4pm

Scottish Rite Cathedral, 505 Byers Ave, Joplin, MO



## Target Audience:

Physicians, Nurses, Speech Language Pathologists, Audiologists and all others who support communication disorder treatment.

## Conference Fee:

All Healthcare Professionals: \$30.00

Students: \$15.00

Preregistration is required and includes a light breakfast, snacks, drinks, and lunch. CE's will be offered.



## How to Register:

Scan the QR code or, go to:

<https://www.eeds.com/live/411207>

Deadline to register: Friday, March 20, 2026

**Please note:** There will be a \$15 administration fee for registrations cancelled by end of business day on March 13, 2026. After that date, no refunds will be issued.

## Objectives

- Differentiate Childhood Apraxia of Speech from other speech sound disorders by identifying core diagnostic features and their impact on expressive language development.
- Explain the role of self-advocacy in improving academic, social, and long-term outcomes for students with hearing loss in classroom settings.
- Apply evidence-based AAC strategies to support language development in children with CAS across therapy, home, and educational settings.
- Understanding of the nature of reading disabilities/dyslexia.
- Understand how proper evaluation/diagnosis should occur for dyslexia.
- Understand the neurological basis for dyslexia.
- Identify whether heavy, chronic electronic cigarette use in youth is associated with changes in extended high-frequency hearing sensitivity.
- Assess evidences of possible cochlear synaptopathy and altered neural processing at the auditory brainstem and thalamocortical levels.

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9:40-10:40AM

10:40-11:00AM

11:00-12:00PM

12:00-12:30PM

12:30-1:30PM

Attendee Registration

## CE information and Welcome

Mark Bolinger, KU AHEC

Chad Wagoner, MD; Mercy-Joplin, MO

## Apraxia and Communication Devices

Michelle Dampf, CCC-SLP;  
The Thompson Center for Autism and  
Neurodevelopment

## Auditory Function in Young Electronic Cigarette Users

Wafaa Kaf, PhD, MBBCh., & M.Sc., (Egypt),  
Ph.D., CCC-A, Distinguished Fellow-AAA  
(DFAAA); Missouri State University

Haley Hawkins, BS; Doctor of Audiology

Graduate Student- Missouri State

University

Break

## Panel Discussion - Audiology, Deaf Education, Speech Language Pathology and Educator

Jonathan Mikhail, EdD, AuD, MS;

Area Hearing and Speech Clinic  
Erin Geeding, M.Ed., Joplin, MO Public  
Schools

Megan Ryan, CCC-SLP; Carthage, MO Public  
School

Samantha Dewey, Aud.; Area Hearing  
Tyler VanCleave, MSEd, Joplin, MO  
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1:30-2:30PM	<b>The Reading Crisis, Dyslexia, and Reading Failure: What Pediatric Professionals Need to Know</b> David Hurford, PhD; Pittsburg State University
2:30-2:45PM	Break
2:45-3:45PM	<b>Hearing Loss in the Classroom: Empowering Students to Self-Advocate</b> Samantha Dewey, Aud.; Area Hearing and Speech Clinic
3:45PM	Conclusion/Wrap Up Chad Wagoner, MD; Mercy-Joplin, MO

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### Program Accessibility

We accommodate persons with disabilities. Please call KU Medical Center AHEC at (620) 235-4040 to discuss your needs.

### Planning Committee

Course Director: Chad Wagoner, MD

### Committee members:

Kara Morgan, FNP-C, Megan Ryan, MS, SLP-CCC, Jonathon Mikhail, EdD, AuD, MS; Patrick Stewart, Mark Bolinger



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### Continuing Education Credit

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by University of Kansas Medical Center and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Joplin, MO. The University of

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Intermediate  
0.6 ASHA CEUs

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