Perspectives on Deafness with Autism will challenge how we think as professionals. This special online series sponsored by Advanced Bionics will explore multidisciplinary perspectives on deafness when it coexists with autism. The courses are designed to help hearing health professionals gain better knowledge of autism and understand the value of cross-disciplinary collaboration. Multi-disciplinary perspectives will be offered to help professionals recognize the early signs of autism coexisting with hearing loss, learn strategies to target more effective evaluation and interventions, and improve services to the child and family. This informative and engaging six part series is easy to access, so be sure to join us starting April 15, 2014.

Access to the Online Course is Easy!

1. Follow the link provided for the session you wish to register for.

2. Select “Register Now”.

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Course Topics:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder: Overview of Symptoms & Treatment - A Psychological Perspective (Part 1)**
  April 15, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Ivette Cejas. Participants will review normal developmental milestones for socialization, behavior, and communication. An overview of autism will follow to help professionals understand the characteristics, diagnosis, comorbidities (e.g., hearing loss, epilepsy), and treatment of autism.

- **Deafness with Autism: What You Need to Know - A Psychological Perspective (Part 2)**
  April 29, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Ivette Cejas. This presentation will explore the dual diagnosis of hearing loss with autism, help professionals understand the early signs and characteristics of autism in children with hearing loss, and review some of the research in this area. An overview of the overlap of symptoms and the unique features of relatedness, communication, and behavioral characteristics when hearing loss coexists with autism will be presented.

- **Deafness with Autism: A Music Therapy Perspective**
  May 6, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Christine Barton. Interdisciplinary team work is an important aspect of successful interventions when deafness coexists with autism. This seminar will discuss why and how to use music interventions and summarize the research to support this type of intervention as part of a comprehensive program.

- **Deafness with Autism: An Occupational Therapy Perspective**
  May 20, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Erin Harvey. When deafness coexists with autism, sensory integration issues may be present and interdisciplinary interventions will be necessary for success. Learn the normal development of sensory, attention, and play development, understand vestibular processing and how to create and manage interventions that are sensitive and responsive to sensory issues.

- **Deafness with Autism: An Early Communication Perspective**
  June 3, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Wendy Deters. Autism is reported to be diagnosed later in life when a child has hearing loss. Understanding possible indicators of autism for children with hearing loss will help distinguish unique characteristics that will impact communication interventions. Learn to identify the differences in communication development when a dual diagnosis may exist, and to identify proper referral channels and intervention strategies to promote early listening and communication skills.

- **A School-Age Communication Perspective**
  June 10, 2014 • 12:00 p.m. Eastern/9:00 a.m. Pacific
  Presented by Valeri Le Beau and Michelle Leach. Autism is reported to be diagnosed later in life when a child has hearing loss. Understanding possible indicators of autism for children with hearing loss will help distinguish unique characteristics that will impact communication interventions. Learn to identify the differences in communication development when a dual diagnosis may exist, and to identify proper referral channels and intervention strategies to promote early listening and communication skills in the school-age child.

Closed Captioning will be offered for each session.

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Course Presenters:

- **Ivette Cejas, PhD** is a Licensed Psychologist who is Assistant Professor at the University of Miami Ear Institute and Director of the Barton G Kids Hear Now Cochlear Implant Family Resource Center. She has conducted research in childhood hearing loss and other pediatric conditions and has experience providing therapeutic services to children and families with chronic illnesses, hearing loss, behavior problems, and developmental disabilities.

- **Christine Barton, MM, MT-BC** is an award-winning composer and performer and a board certified music therapist. She primarily works with families of children with hearing loss and those with autism spectrum disorders. In 2011, Christine completed the University of North Carolina’s post graduate “Certificate in Auditory Learning in Young Children.”

- **Erin Harvey, OTD, OTR/L** received her doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Washington University in St. Louis in 2008. Her doctoral research focused on the developmental indicators of autism in infancy. She has worked in a variety of settings with children with autism over the past 13 years, including ABA therapy, respite care, in a therapeutic day school, and most recently through early intervention.

- **Wendy Deters MS, CCC/SLP, LSLS, Cert. AVEd** specializes in working with children with hearing loss and their families. She is the project co-coordinator of the AIM To Be Ahead™ Grant at Illinois State University, and an adjunct assistant professor at Northwestern University and Midwestern University.

- **Michelle Leach, MS, CCC-SLP, LSLS, Cert. AVT** is an AVT on staff with Advanced Bionics as a Cochlear Implant Consumer Specialist who has served families with hearing loss for many years. She was previously a member of a comprehensive cochlear implant team and provided evaluations and auditory based therapy to both children and adults who utilized a variety of communication methodologies and hearing technology, including recipients of cochlear implant technology with additional special needs.

- **Valeri V. Le Beau, MS-CCC-SLP** is the Consumer Education and Rehab Manager at Advanced Bionics and brings a lifetime of personal and professional expertise to the field of hearing loss. Working as a teacher for children with hearing loss and a speech language pathologist, she has trained, mentored, and lectured locally and internationally.