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Marlene Bagotto



Marlene Bagatto, Au.D., is an Audiologist in the Child Amplification Laboratory at the National Centre for Audiology, at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada.

“The use of an FM system alone or in combination with hearing aids and/or cochlear implants can significantly reduce the negative impact that can occur in challenging listening situations. Clear, unobstructed access to important verbal messages from caregivers and teachers is critical to a child’s speech, language and educational success. For infants and children who are developing during a critical period for speech and language learning, FM systems are an essential aspect of the process of habilitation. FM system use will enhance the benefits of hearing aids and cochlear implants and should be provided as an option to families.”

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“The benefits of FM for any age child in the car are significant but especially for young children who are confined in car seats in the backseat. Depending on a family's lifestyle (e.g., time in the car each day) this one application alone would be worth the investment of FM. Without the enhancement provided by FM, car noise and lack of visual information clearly reduce audibility and intelligibility of speech resulting in lost language development opportunities with the child!”

*Cheryl DeConde Johnson, Ed.D.
The ADVantage- Audiology, Deaf Education Vantage Consulting*

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“The world is a noisy place. Furthermore, reverberation is present in just about every environment in which a child listens. Additionally, young children are curious by nature, and once they become mobile, they explore their acoustically hostile environments to enhance their social and communicative development. As a result, children are frequently quite a distance away from their primary language model, their parents.”

*Professor Jace Wolfe,
University of Oklahoma,
USA*

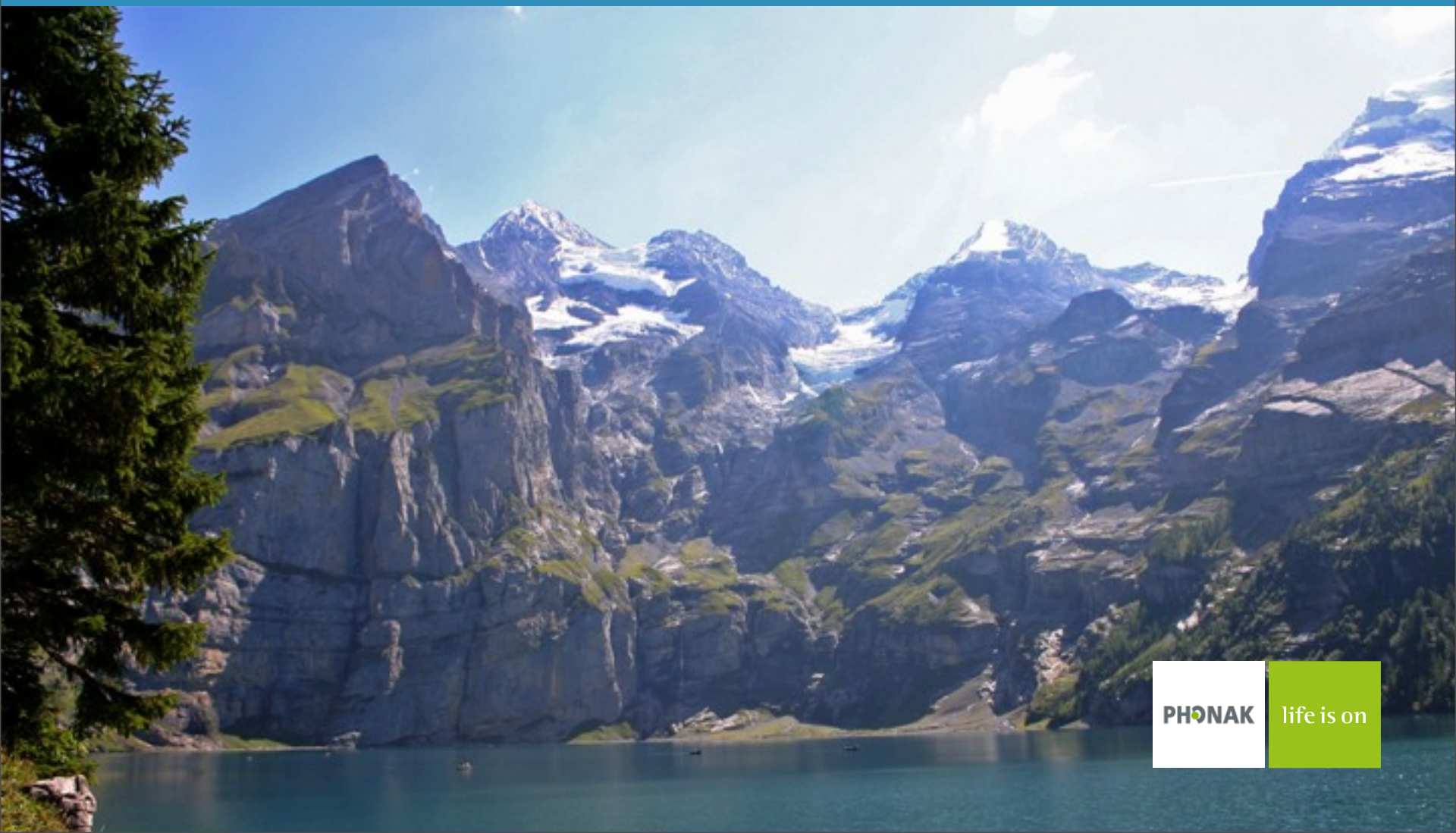
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“Personal FM systems dramatically improve communication and access to important sounds in these adverse listening environments. At Hearts for Hearing, our protocol calls for the routine fitting of personal FM systems for children of all ages. We encourage parents to use the FM system at every possible opportunity. It is our belief that the amazing outcomes we see in the speech and language development of our children with hearing loss is at least partially attributed to the fact that most of these children “grow up” using a personal FM system and benefit from the enhanced access it provides to speech. We also know that many of our children spend a large amount of their waking hours in an automobile. The time in the car is often a valuable moment for language development. Families talk with one another, they sing, and they describe the myriad events that occur around them. Many children also watch videos on portable DVD players. These are all opportunities for language development. Use of a personal FM system in the car, allows the child with hearing loss to enjoy and benefit from these enriching experiences”

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