

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

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Upcoming Schedule

Topic: Emergency Planning

**Speaker: Fred Roy
(Former Executive Director of
the LA Commission for the
Deaf and Hard of Hearing)**

**Place: Kentucky Center
Louisville, KY**

Date: Friday, August 18th

Time: 6-9 pm

**Target Audience: Hard of
Hearing Persons**

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President's Message

Becky Morris, President

Hello Stefanie Faehr and Goodbye Stephanie Dunn!

Be sure and say "Welcome" to Stefanie Faehr who joined us in June. She's the person you're likely to talk to when you call in.



Stefanie has several years experience in customer service and office administration and is already a contributing member of our team. That's because of the excellent training she's receiving from Stephanie Dunn. You may be confused at first because you will be talking to a "new" Stefanie.

It's with mixed emotions to report that Stephanie Dunn will be leaving us in mid-July. But she is leaving for the happiest of reasons. She will begin maternity leave to enjoy the summer and promises to check in with us and keep us up-to-date. Congratulations Stephanie! We'll miss you!

Ear Links (Music Link, T-Link, NoiZfree)

People with hearing loss often ask "How can we listen to our IPODS and CD players and get stereo sound while wearing our hearing aids?" Another question often asked "How can we easily get clear sound from our cell phones while wearing hearing aids? If their hearing aids have t-coils, they're in luck. The answer is ear links!

Music Listening with Music Link

Lately, people on hearing loss message boards are raving about a hearing aid t-coil listening option called Music Link. The dual Music Link is a type of stereo ear link. Ear links work like silhouettes and look like silhouettes. But there are big differences:

- **More comfortable:** The Music Link is smaller than a silhouette. A silhouette looks like a flattened out Behind the Ear hearing aid. On the other hand, a Music Link looks like the hook part of a coat hanger. If you wear eyeglasses and use the dual Music Link, you're more comfortable because there's more space behind your ears.
- **Stereo Sound:** The dual Music Link comes wired to a stereo plug making it possible to hear quality stereo sound. Although silhouettes are also stereo devices, most are hooked together into a mono plug. This means that you will hear only mono sound. (However, there are some true stereotype silhouettes that are fantastic for listening to music – the HATIS Epic is an example).



Dual Music Link \$49



HATIS Dual silhouettes

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The differences between the Music Link and silhouettes continued:

- **More economical:** The dual Music Link is much less expensive than dual stereo silhouettes. (Note: If you want stereo capability, purchase the dual Music Link. The single Music Link does not have stereo capability.)
- **Fewer repair problems:** Some silhouettes have cords that plug into them. These plugs can get loose or break. The Music Link doesn't have plugs that can get loose.



Mono Music Link \$39

Cell Phone Listening with T-Link

The T-Link is a lightweight, hands free cell phone headset. The positive feedback from people who have tried the T-Link is amazing. They are saying that the sound is clear even on cell phones they can't ordinarily use. Here's a description:

- Built-in mic (you do not need to hold the phone to your ear)
- No batteries
- Interference free (no noise or feedback)

Single T-Link (\$49)



Dual T-Link \$59

Versatile NoiZfree Ear Link

The NoiZfree silhouette ear link can be used with cell phones or audio devices. Just choose between a 2.5 mm or 3.5 mm jack. (Dual is also available for \$49.95). The NoiZfree is water resistant to sweat and rain and durable for hard and intense use.

To find out more about ear links, check out Judy's Blog "Listening to Music with Music Links:

<http://www.beyondhearingaids.com/Home/Blog/BlogView.asp?BlogID=38>



Single NoiZfree \$39.95

Discontinued Products

Williams Sound replaced the WIR952 TV Listening System with the WIR238 and WIR 239. The new versions are not on 95 KHz but on a "home use only" channel.

Coming Soon! Becky Morris' Book: On the Job with Hearing Loss.



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