



San José State University Adult Testing Services

The goal of the SJSU Voluntary Adult Hearing Screening Program is to provide a needed service to the community. San José State students, from the Connie L. Lurie College of Education, supervised by a licensed and certified Audiologist, travel to your facility to give a hearing test in an informal environment. The ultimate goal is to provide informed counseling to the participants about the status of their hearing loss, provide communication strategies that can be implemented immediately to improve social success, and to make participants aware of their options to address their hearing loss.

In order to accomplish this, the students will ask the participants which situations cause them difficulty in their daily communications, such as background noise (a common complaint), talking on the telephone, hearing children's voices, etc. Following this brief interview, students will then administer a hearing screening test. During the test, participants will be asked to respond to sounds delivered at preset frequencies and at a predetermined loudness level. Following the screening, the students will consult with the participants to counsel them on specific skills to help address their hearing problems as best they can within their means.

As part of the consult, students will provide an in-depth explanation of the type and degree of hearing loss the participant may have, the potential effect it may have on their daily situations, and if the participant should seek further assistance. We will alert the participant if their hearing loss suggests any medical issues, versus the typical long term onset of hearing loss with age.

In addition to the hearing screening, the students bring otoscopes to look in the adults' ears, and can advise them on ear wax issues or anything else related to the ear canal.

Many agencies have found this a valuable service to provide to the individuals they serve. It is an educational and an enjoyable way for individuals to learn information about their hearing.

For additional information and questions, or to arrange a site visit, please feel free to send an email to evelyn.merritt@sjsu.edu.

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