

## Summer Symposia in Support of Low Incidence Populations Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium in cooperation with Alberta Education is offering three Summer Symposia professional learning opportunities to support staff new to working with children and youth from low-incidence populations, set in the context of the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) model.

This PD opportunity has been designed to provide teachers and other staff with foundational information about students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Over the years of completing these workshops attendees have reported feeling more prepared, better able to begin the year with a student in their class who is deaf or hard of hearing. Covered during the full day workshop will be basic information about:

- hearing loss and deafness
- the impact of hearing loss on accessibility and audibility
- speech and language development as it relates to access to curriculum content, language and literacy development, social/emotional development
- the impact of classroom acoustics on learning
- types and limitations of technology that improve access and basics of how to use them
- general strategies for inclusion in the educational setting
- improving social well-being of students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- materials and resources

This one day session will provide attendees with a broad array of hands-on activities, practical knowledge and skills development to promote academic success for their students. This workshop is not intended to replace the valuable ongoing services of the strategists, educational consultants or educational audiologists who are working with these low incidence students and the school staff. The information provided is not child or student specific.