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The Speech- Language Institute of Salus University to Co-host Free Language Skills Program for Children Zero to Five

Elkins Park, PA – The Speech-Language Institute (SLI) of Salus University and The Hanen Centre® will hold a free orientation for a research-based program to increase language skills for children zero to five years of age with speech and language delays on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Speech-Language Institute, located on Salus University's Elkins Park, Pa. campus at 8360 Old York Road.

The research program will feature:

- Eight two-hour classes provided by Hanen certified speech-language pathologists in collaboration with Salus University's Masters of Speech-Language Pathology students.
- Three individual training sessions with a Hanen certified speech-language pathologist where families will receive one-on-one training and feedback using Hanen communication strategies.
- Interactive and hands-on classes that provide many opportunities to practice language strategies.

Earlier this year, SLI co-hosted a special Continuing Education (CE) workshop with The Hanen Centre entitled, "It Takes Two to Talk® - The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children with Language Delay." The three-day, hands-on program focused on the role parents play in their child's early language intervention and how speech-language pathologists facilitate parents' involvement.

In coordination with the success of the CE event, Salus University's speech-language pathologists and The Hanen Centre are hosting a free, research-based program aimed at

increasing the language skills for children zero to five years of age with speech and language delays. Parents and caregivers will learn how to improve communication skills at home and in daily life activities.

SLI's highly-trained clinical faculty provide primary care while supervising and mentoring speech-language pathology students from the University's Speech-Language Pathology program as they gain important knowledge on evidence-based practice. This method of training is designed to maximize treatment outcomes as students receive fundamental education and training to grow the speech-language pathology profession.

The Hanen Centre® is a not-for-profit organization based in Ontario, Canada. It is dedicated to addressing delays in language development in young children, including children with developmental delays and autism around the world.

For more information about the orientation, please contact Trish Mayro at pmayro@salus.edu.

About Salus University

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