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Dr. Carrie Spangler has over 13 years experience of working with school districts providing educational audiology services. In addition to her professional expertise; she brings personal experience as she successfully lives with hearing loss. Carrie provides presentations nationally and internationally and is the co-author of the GAP program (Guide to Access Planning); Transition Program for Teens with Hearing Loss; and the LIFE-R (Listening Inventory for Education-Revised). Carrie is the chairperson for the State of Ohio Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Committee and advocated successfully for budget funding for hearing aids for children in the state of Ohio. She is the 2012 recipient of the Cheryl DeConde-Johnson Award for Best Practices in Pediatric/Educational Audiology.

What is the benefit of Hit It! for school districts?

Hit It! is an outreach program of the Hear and Learn program and strives to meet the needs of school districts by collaborating and providing middle and high school post secondary transition activities to meet the goals of the IEP or 504 plan. Students with hearing loss without an IEP are encouraged to attend also!



HIT IT!

Hearing Impaired Teens Interacting Together

Supporting Successful Transition for Teens
with Hearing Loss

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HIT IT!

Hit It! Mission Statement

To offer a nonthreatening environment for teens who have hearing loss to learn about hearing loss, technology, coping strategies, and support in order to become their number one advocate.

Who should attend?

Middle and high school students who have hearing loss.

What does Hit It! Provide?

Opportunity to build new friendships while learning about hearing loss to help transition to work, college, and independent living.

Goals of Hit It!

- To Meet other students who have hearing loss (Peer Mentorship)
- To provide a safe environment for students with hearing loss to interact.
- To learn about hearing loss and its effects on communication at school, work, and home.
- To gain solutions to advocate
- To gain knowledge on the laws that protect individuals with hearing loss.
- To gain communication strategies needed to successfully navigate employment, education, and independent living.
- To learn about new technology in the areas of communication to promote hearing loss independence.

How can I participate?

- ☒ *Are you in middle school or high school?*
- ☒ *Do you have a hearing loss?*

If you answered yes to the above questions, Hit It! Is for you. Please have a parent and/or school representative email, cls132@uakron.edu, to find out more information.

