













## **Key Reasons to Join Your State Association:**

Uniting to Promote and Support Communication Professionals throughout Ohio

-  **Nationally Recognized:** OSLHA has long been recognized as a leader in innovative programs and practices. OSLHA continues to be in the forefront in providing proactive resolutions and distinctive ideas and solutions in response to the issues and concerns of our professions.
-  **Representation in Your Professional Practice Area/Worksetting:** OSLHA provides representation for your specific practice area to address your professional interests, to be responsive to your specific needs, and to provide you with valuable resources and support from our Professional Practice Representatives.
-  **Improve Job Security and Satisfaction:** Our professions cannot advance and be effective without well planned advocacy and support. OSLHA, in conjunction with the Governmental Affairs Coalition (GAC), employs a lobbyist to ensure that Ohio legislators understand our position on the issues that affect our future, such as: Salary supplements, licensure laws, personnel shortages, universal hearing screenings, caseload sizes, school voucher programs, Medicare/Medicaid and private health insurance reimbursement.
-  **Continuing Education:** Knowledge is the key to providing quality services and to unlocking communication. Earn required CEUs for licensure and CCCs by attending OSLHA's state convention in Columbus. Nationally-recognized speakers present in all specialty areas. Online courses are also available.
-  **Learn Best Practices and Stay Abreast of Hot Topics:** OSLHA members receive the quarterly newsletter, *Communication Matters*, providing important professional information, and highlights of what your colleagues are doing throughout the state and nation. Members also receive the award-winning, *eHearsay* journal, which offers in-depth articles about a variety of diagnoses and treatment programs for the clients we serve.
-  **Secure Professional Liability Insurance:** OSLHA members, including students, have access to reasonably-priced professional liability insurance.
-  **Apply for Research Grant Seed Money:** OSLHA demonstrates the importance of research by giving two biennial awards, one to a professional or doctoral student and one to a master's or undergraduate student member.
-  **Build Your Resume:** OSLHA offers opportunities for you to present at Convention and/or publish your work in *eHearsay* journal.
-  **Conduct a Survey:** OSLHA members may have a survey posted, at no charge, on OSLHA's Survey Monkey, a simple survey program that will allow you to obtain survey results electronically.
-  **Make a Difference:** Get involved and become an OSLHA Legislative Councilor or Committee Chair to help improve and support the services of professionals and to benefit our consumers. Your involvement will connect you with other professionals around the state, and provide opportunities and leadership skills that are beneficial both personally and professionally. Join us in a journey of education, service, leadership and professional advancement.

**VISION:** The Association will be a unified, diverse organization that empowers its members and service recipients, and will be a recognized organization representing Speech-Language-Hearing professionals regardless of work setting.