# **BETTER HEARING & SPEECH**



## 1 IN 5

American teenagers suffer from some type of hearing loss

#### APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION

American suffer from aphasia (loss of ability to understand or express speech)



Lack of awareness is the leading barrier to early detection according to speech-language pathologists.

### MORE THAN

#### 3 million Americans stutter

#### **40 MILLION**

Americans have communication disorders, costing the US approx. \$154-186 billion annually





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