

SPEAK OUT!® and The LOUD Crowd® Clinics for Parkinson's Disease



The Western Illinois University Speech-Language-Hearing is proud to bring an innovative voice treatment for individuals with Parkinson's Disease to the region. SPEAK OUT!® and The LOUD Crowd®, were developed by the Parkinson Voice Project based on principles of the late Dr. Daniel R. Boone. **The technique teaches individuals with Parkinson's Disease to convert speech from an automatic function to an intentional act.**

Individuals will begin with an evaluation to determine candidacy for the program. Those who are candidates will participate in approximately 5-6 weeks of individual speech therapy sessions (SPEAK OUT!) two times per week. All sessions will be led by a graduate student clinician and supervised by a speech-language pathologist trained in the techniques. Candidates will also begin attending The LOUD Crowd group sessions that meet once per week. Participants are welcome and encouraged to attend The LOUD Crowd on an ongoing basis in order to maintain their skills.

If you or a loved one is living with Parkinson's Disease, it is never too early to begin speech therapy. Approximately 90% of those with PD will experience difficulty communicating.

The WIU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is actively seeking candidates to begin offering SPEAK OUT! and the LOUD Crowd in September 2019.

For more information on SPEAK OUT! or The LOUD Crowd, contact Julie Cox at JL-Cox3@wiu.edu or by calling (309) 298-1955.

Additional link:

<https://www.parkinsonvoiceproject.org/ShowContent.aspx?i=2371>