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Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™ at Providence Speech and Hearing Center

Providence Speech and Hearing Center was founded in 1965 to provide Audiology and Hearing Care and Speech-Language Pathology to all those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. What began in a single room at a local hospital has grown to become the largest **Center of Excellence** in the country.

Providence Speech and Hearing Center is poised to open the **first all-encompassing Cochlear Implant Institute**, specializing in pediatrics, in Orange County.

The program is a multi-disciplinary group of experts that consists of an Audiologist, Otologist, Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, and Social Worker.

In the first year, we will be **providing over 200 evaluations** to children and infants to determine if they are candidates for cochlear implantation, and we will partner with CHOC Children's for surgery. Providence will provide the critical follow-up implant mapping, speech and language therapy, and all necessary wrap-around services required for implant patient success for **ten cochlear implant patients in our first year**.

Providence is seeking investments to create and launch the Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute in 2015. Seed funding is needed for start-up purchases of technology, configuration of CI suite, staffing and training, program development and gap funding for underinsured portion of treatment.

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