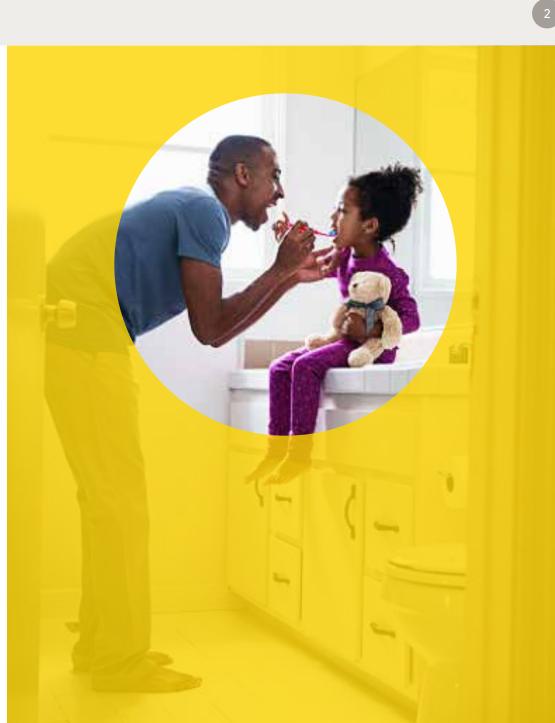


# Clear Communication The ASHA Brand Guide



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## **OUR VALUES**

Vision & Mission

Our vision and mission are the driving forces behind everything we, and our members, do.

These principles guide our short- and long-term goals and planning, along with our everyday interactions. Every action taken by ASHA, our staff, and our members should reinforce and uphold these core beliefs.

It is imperative that all communications materials we produce adhere to these same standards. By using our vision and mission as a guide, we can reinforce our beliefs without having to repeat them. Additionally, our communication will become more cohesive over time and across all our media.

#### **OUR VISION**

### Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Empowering and supporting audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists through:

- advancing science,
- setting standards,
- fostering excellence in professional practice, and
- advocating for members and those they serve.

## **VALUE PROPOSITION**

What Do We Stand For?

We unite two professions—Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology—under the same mission and provide every resource our members need to act as the authority on human communication.

As the only membership association for speech-language professionals, ASHA offers the best way to connect on a deep level with fellow communication scientists to share knowledge and resources.

With the largest number of hearing sciences members of any association, ASHA provides unparallelled opportunities for professional engagement and development.





## **BRAND STORY**

Setting the Tone

Life is communication. And communication is life. From the moment we wake to the moment we fall asleep, it's ever-present.

Communication moves us. Think of a child's first words. The roar of a crowd. A loved one's voice.

To make communication accessible– to make life accessible– we make things clear. Concise. Easy to understand.

Simply said. Simply heard. Clearly communicated.



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# TONE OF VOICE

How Do We Sound?

### Clear

We deliver information with an incredible level of clarity. Anyone should be able to read a passage and immediately grasp its meaning. As the authority on human communication, it's our responsibility to provide easily understandable information.

### Concise

We use the fewest words possible to convey information. This aids with clarity and allows people to grasp our point quickly and easily. It doesn't mean we're short or abrupt; rather, we eliminate the noise of excess words so we can get right to the point.

### Simple

We use simple language whenever possible. Simple does not, however, mean that we reduce the intelligence of our communications. Instead, we think intently about how to relate complex ideas and concepts in a way that most people, even laypeople, can understand.

### Sincere

Although we strive for clear, concise, simple communication, we are never without sincerity. Our dedication to improving human communication always comes through in the language we use.



## **MESSAGING MATRIX**

How We Speak to Different Audiences

Although speech-lanugage pathology and audiology are similar professions, as audiences, they can be very different.

For our messaging to resonate with both, we need to make sure we tailor our communications to be as relatable as possible. The matrix to the right provides a few examples of how to accomplish this.

In general, language aimed at an SLP audience can be a bit less formal. Focus on humanity, connections, and the feel-good aspects of the profession. For audiologists, highlight the wealth of knowledge that ASHA provides, along with our commitment to evidence-based practice, and be especially direct and to-the-point.

| CENTRAL MESSAGE   | TARGETED MESSAGE  | EXAMPLE COPY  |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| We unite two professions–Speech-<br>Language Pathology and<br>Audiology–under the same<br>mission and provide every resource<br>our members need to act as the<br>authority on human communication. | <b>Speech-Language Pathology</b><br>As the only membership association<br>for speech-language professionals,<br>ASHA offers the best way to<br>connect on a deep level with<br>fellow communication scientists to<br>share knowledge and resources. | <ul> <li>Become a member of ASHA<br/>and connect like never before.</li> <li>Join us at ASHA Convention to<br/>network, learn, and enjoy the<br/>company of other communication<br/>sciences professionals.</li> <li>Support ASHA's vision of<br/>communication for all by<br/>becoming a member today.</li> </ul>          |  |
|   | Audiology<br>With the largest number of<br>hearing sciences members of<br>any association, ASHA provides<br>unparallelled opportunities<br>for professional engagement<br>and development.  | <ul> <li>More benefits. More knowledge.<br/>More hearing sciences members<br/>than any other association.</li> <li>ASHA delivers essential,<br/>evidence-based resources<br/>for all communication<br/>sciences professionals.</li> <li>Explore the latest information from<br/>ASHA on evidence-based practice.</li> </ul> |  |

Primary and Secondary Versions

### **Our Primary Logo**

The primary ASHA logo is an update of our previous mark. We've revised and modernized the colors and typography to better reflect our forward-thinking organization. It includes both our commonly-used acronym and our fully spelled-out association name.

Its circular shape represents several things: the circular nature of communication, two halves of the same whole, and the joining of two professions under one mission. Additionally, one silhouette is listening, while the other is speaking.

The primary logo should be used on most communications, especially anything that might be viewed by an audience that may not be familiar with the ASHA logo or the association.

### **Our Secondary Logo**

The secondary logo features just our acronym. This logo can be used on materials that are intended for an internal audience, such as staff or members, that will immediately recognize the ASHA logo mark and acronym with no further exposition needed.



Primary Logo



Secondary Logo

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Minimum Clear Space & Size

### **Clear Space**

Following the guidelines to the right for minimum clearance around the logo will ensure a strong brand identity for ASHA by giving the logo space to stand out. Clear space is relative to the size of each version of the logo and is based on the height of the acronym. If possible, allow more than the minimum clearance around the logo.

### **Minimum Size**

Avoid using the ASHA logo smaller than the recommended sizes as illustrated to the right. This will ensure clear reproduction and easy readability of the logo.

### **Exceptions**

In some instances, such as specialty items, the logo may be used at less than the minimum size and with less than minimum clearance. Always obtain permission from the design department before using the logo in this manner.





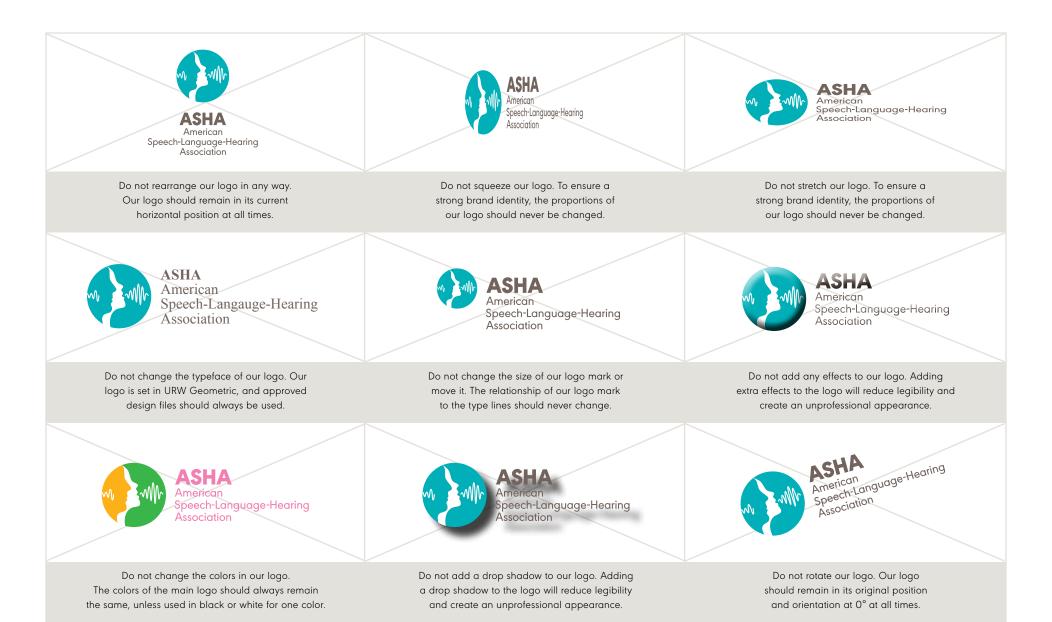
Minimum Clear Space





Minimum Logo Sizes

Incorrect Usage



Alternate Colorways

### **One Color & Reversed Options**

If the logo must be printed in one color only, use the solid black version. The file includes a white background so the silhouettes and waveforms will stand out if it appears on a light background.

The reversed version features positive shapes bound by an outlined circle. This maintains the consistency and integrity of our iconic silhouettes and waveforms.



**ASHA** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association



**ASHA** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

One-Color



Reversed

General Usage Guidelines

### **Contrast is Key**

Along with minimum sizes and clearance, always consider the background on which the logo is placed.

When our logo appears in ASHA Blue and Dark Gray or in black and white, it should always appear on a white or light background. The opposite is true for the reversed version, which should always appear on a background with enough contrast that the logo is readable.

The logo may be placed on a solid or subtly textured background as long as the guidelines above are followed. Placing the logo on a background that is too busy will reduce its legibility and weaken our brand identity. Acceptable Use





Unacceptable Use



ASHA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association





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Specialized Versions

### Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Logos

For highly-targeted communications, we have developed two logos to speak more directly to our speech-language pathology and audiology members. Each highlights a different half of our primary logo using color and shading and includes a sub-line that identifies the audience.





Sub-brands, Programs, and Signature Graphics

### **Sub-brands**

ASHA's sub-brands are defined within the brand architecture as a product or service affiliated with the overall brand that has its own brand name. Each sub-brand has a unique logo that relates back to the primary ASHA logo.

For ASHA, the sub-brand logos are fairly simple, featuring the ASHA mark, a dotted divider, and an acronym plus subline. Sub-brand logos are further differentiated from the main brand and each other by color. See page 15 for an explanation on color

### **Program and Signature Graphics**

Program and Signature Graphics are less permanent than the Sub-brands and fall outside the brand architecture. A campaign such as the Value of the C's would fall under this category as a signature graphic, while an effort such as the Minority Student Leadership Program would utilize a program graphic.

The difference between program graphics and signature graphics is that programs use a visual system that adheres closely to the main logo, while signature graphics are one-offs that may be quite different in style. However, signature graphics should always incorporate the main ASHA circle mark to maintain a connection to the association.



ASHA Certified Speech-Language Pathologist

**SUB-BRAND EXAMPLES** 

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ASHA Professional Development

SIG-1

**ASHA Special Interest Group:** 

Language Learning and Education

ASHA Continuing Education

ASHA Certified Audiologist

ASHA Corporate Partner

**PROGRAM EXAMPLE** 



SIGNATURE GRAPHIC EXAMPLE

Forthcoming

## **BRAND ARCHITECTURE**

Work in Progress

| Cluster               | Advocacy   | Analytics        | Consumer<br>Services   | Credentialing  | Learning &<br>Development   | Partners                        | Students   |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Promise               | TBD  | TBD              | TBD  | TBD  | TBD   | TBD                             | TBD  |
| Audience              | <ul><li> Regulators</li><li> Legislators</li></ul> | Clinicians       | Consumers  | <ul><li>Members</li><li>Affiliates</li></ul>   | Members   | B2B Partners                    | Students   |
| Products/<br>Services | PACE<br>A Political Action Committee               | NOMS     Surveys | <ul> <li>Better Hearing and<br/>Speech Month (BHSM)</li> <li>ASHA ProFind</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>CCCC-SLP<br/>AttA Cartied Speech Language Factorizat</li> <li>CCCC-AUD<br/>Associated of Clinical<br/>Competence</li> <li>SLP &amp; Audiology<br/>Assistants</li> <li>International Affiliates</li> <li>Higher Education<br/>Data System</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>CEE<br/>SMACHARING Education</li> <li>SIG-1<br/>Alth Special Interest Grapp<br/>Language Learning and Education</li> <li>ALP APED<br/>Data Productional Development</li> <li>Leader<br/>Leader Blog</li> <li>ASHA Wire</li> <li>ASHA Vire</li> <li>ASHA Press</li> <li>Peer-Reviewed<br/>Journals</li> <li>Perspectives (SIGs)</li> <li>Leadership Academy</li> <li>ASHA CEUFind</li> <li>CLARC</li> <li>Connect 2017</li> </ul> | E CEP<br>ASMA Corporate Partner | <ul> <li>Minority Student<br/>Leadership Program</li> <li>STEP</li> <li>Student Awards</li> <li>ASHA EdFind</li> </ul> |

## ICONOGRAPHY

Examples & Style Guidelines

Following the circular shape of the ASHA logo, iconography features single line-weight illustrations with arcing, circular shapes.

Icons should be representational whenever possble; abstract icons are not ideal.

All icons should appear as white outlines within a colored circle, preferably ASHA Blue. Avoid separating the illustrations from the circles as this will decrease their visual impact and break the strongest link back to the ASHA logo.

Icons should include a text descriptor to ensure clarity of meaning until the new system becomes more well-known.



## **BRAND COLORS**

Color Palette & Hierarchy

### **Our Color Palette**

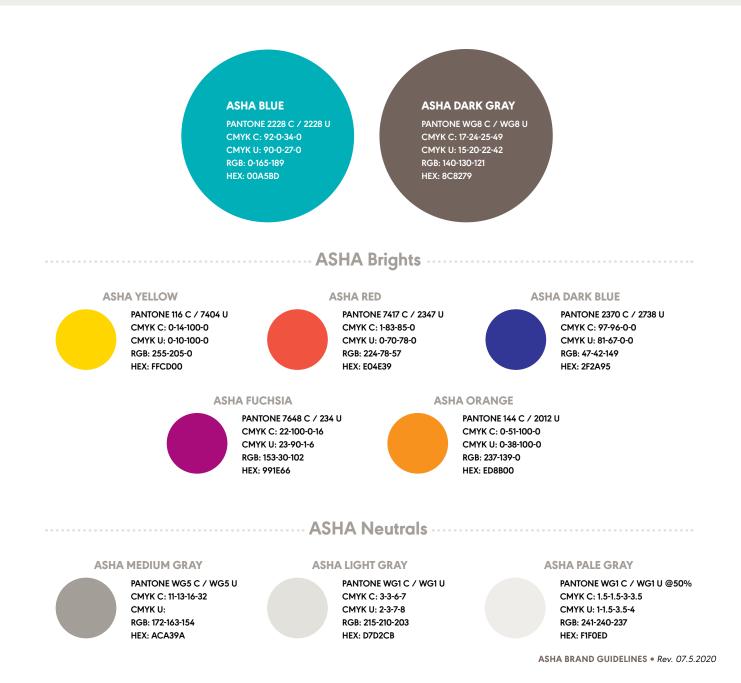
To the right are technical specifications for all of our brand colors. These were chosen carefully for their various connotations.

ASHA Blue and Dark Gray are the foundation of the palette and feature in all of our logo applications. These should be the most dominant colors in our materials.

The warmth in ASHA Blue conveys the humanity of our vision but still indicates our basis in science and knowledge. ASHA Dark Gray acts as a neutral and balances the brightness of ASHA Blue.

The ASHA Brights bring warmth, vitality, and versatility to our materials. These colors should be used sparingly and with care. It is not recommended to use more than two brights along with ASHA Blue, Dark Gray, and Neutrals.

ASHA Neutrals are shades of the main Dark Gray color and are intended to balance the Brights palette. Light and Pale Gray work especially well as background colors to highlight items such as sidebars.



## **TYPOGRAPHY**

Primary & Alternate Families

### **Our Primary Typeface**

URW Geometric is a functional, strong, and friendly sans serif typeface featuring harmonious shapes for easy legibility. With 10 weights, plus oblique styles for each weight, Geometric is a highly versatile typeface. Its rounded letterforms also complement the circular ASHA logo mark and graphical treatments.

When setting type, make sure to maintain adequate space between lines (leading) without using too much space. Extending the spacing between letters (tracking) should be kept to a minimum and is only suggested for highlighting individual snippets of type, such as a small subhead in all caps.

#### URW Geometric Thin

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Extra Light ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Medium

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?) URW Geometric Semi Bold

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URW Geometric Bold

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URW Geometric Extra Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Heavy

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

URW Geometric Black

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## **TYPOGRAPHY**

Primary & Alternate Families

### **General Guidelines**

#### HEADLINES

Both thinner and bolder weights of Geometric work well as headlines at large sizes. When using a bolder weight, use all caps. Thinner weights can be set in title/sentence case or all caps. Headlines should always be in ASHA Blue.

#### **SUB-HEADLINES & CALLOUTS**

Consider contrast when setting subheads and callouts. With bold headlines, a lighter weight for the subhead creates more interest, and vice versa for thinner headlines. Subheads and callouts can be in any brand color as long as they are easily legible and fit within the general rules for using the ASHA palette.

#### **BODY COPY & CAPTIONS**

Smaller type, such as body copy and captions, should almost always be set in Geometric Regular. In instances where running body copy is larger than 12pt, Geometric Thin may be used to visually lighten the weight of the blocks of text.

Additionally, small copy in any printed materials should always be 100% black and never a build of CMYK. The only exception to this rule is when printing small copy as a solid Pantone color; in this case, it can be 100% of any color except ASHA Light Gray, Pale Gray, or Yellow.

# ASHA Member Benefits

Headline: URW Geometric Extra Light, ASHA Blue

# WELCOME TO ASHA

Headline: URW Geometric Heavy, ASHA Blue

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Callout: URW Geometric Light Oblique, ASHA Red

#### CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT

Subhead: URW Geometric Bold, ASHA Dark Blue, extended tracking

When URW Geometric is not available or installed, use the alternate typeface Arial.

Arial ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890%&@\*(.,#!?)

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Subhead: URW Geometric Extra Bold, ASHA Fuchsia

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Body Copy: URW Geometric Regular

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Caption: URW Geometric Regular Oblique

Arial Bold

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

Style Guidelines

### **Photography Style**

Photography should showcase both the positive outcomes that our members produce and the various professions themselves. Carefully consider the message of the communications piece, then choose photos that reflect those qualities and appeal to the intended audience.

For instance, a technical brochure aimed at audiologists in private practice would feature more photos in a clinical setting instead of successful outcomes.

Images should feature:

- Relaxed, naturally-posed subjects
- Positive, genuine, candid facial expressions (active smiling isn't necessary)
- Moments of communication, even if only one subject is in the frame or in focus
- Diversity in gender, age, race, ethnicity, etc. of both practitioners and clients
- Diversity in settings, dependent on the intended audience for the piece
- Slightly increased contrast and saturation
- Backlighting or a light/neutral background whenever possible to enhance the focus on the subject(s)
- An interesting or unusual angle or cropping, when possible

#### Outcomes







Please note that all photography throughout this brand guideline document is FPO-only and is solely intended to convey style recommendations. Both stock and custom photography should conform to these guidelines, and the document should be updated with new photography as it become available.

# PHOTOGRAPHY

Style Guidelines

#### Academia/Research



Clinical/Private Practice







Students





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## PHOTOGRAPHY

Do's and Don'ts

### Do:



Backlighting, high contrast and saturation, subjects natural and engaged, diversity, unusual angle



Light/neutral background, high contrast and saturation, genuine expressions, interesting angle



Backlighting, high contrast and saturation, moment of communication, diversity



Backlighting, high contrast and saturation, candidly posed subjects, moment of communication

### Don't:



Dark/cluttered background, low contrast, overly posed subjects



Busy-looking background, stiffly posed subjects, awkward angle and cropping



Low contrast, unhappy and overly posed subjects



Stationery

ASHA Stationery is an elegant, simple application of our logo and main brand assets.

We feature our vision on the back side of our business cards, making it a bold part of what is often the first ASHA communications piece people see. It's a message we're proud of, and displaying it so prominently will help reinforce it whenever we hand someone a card.



Brochure Cover Examples



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Website Example



Graphic Elements

Drawing from and expanding on the circle and waveform elements of the ASHA logo results in a wide range of graphic applications. The circular and waveform graphics may be used simply or combined to create more complex solutions.

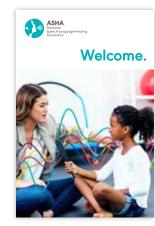
Below are some suggested applications:

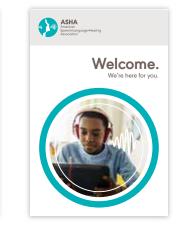
#### CIRCLES

- Holding shapes for images
- Borders around images
- Hits of secondary colors to emphasize type
- Background graphics and patterns, woven into photos to highlight the subject

#### WAVEFORMS

- Multiple lines:
  - 2 weights: regular and thin
  - 2 colorways: multi and teal shades
- Single line:
  - 1 weight
  - Pulled directly from logo
- Integrated into photos to add meaning and interest
- Used to fill excessive white space

















Activation Ideas

#### **SOUND BRANDING**

Create a proprietary sound to reinforce the ASHA brand.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Create a campaign to increase awareness of communication disorders and ASHA members' role in treating them; include real-life stories from patients/clients and their care providers.

#### **TV/RADIO ADVERTISING**

Run spots featuring uncomfortable silences to show the public what it's like to have a communication disorder and raise awareness.

#### WEBSITE

Consider reorganizing and rewriting to make information clearer and easier to find; become a resource for the public as well as members.

#### **MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT**

Find ways to reconnect with members who have drifted away and reinforce relationships with satisfied members.

#### SEGMENTED COMMUNICATIONS

Build on the idea of targeted newsletters; what else can ASHA provide that's dynamically suited to its different member professions? Also consider other ways to target similar groups: age/career stage, geographic location, professional setting, etc.

