

Attention: Individuals with Parkinson's Disease



Rationale:

- 90% of people with Parkinson's Disease (PD) are at risk of developing reduced vocal volume that can lead to serious communication and swallowing difficulties. Parkinson Voice Project (PVP) has developed an effective program that combines education, individual speech therapy (SPEAK OUT!®), and ongoing group sessions (The LOUD Crowd®). Cleveland State University (CSU) has been awarded a PVP training grant to bring this unique service to the Cleveland community.

About the program:

- SPEAK OUT!® emphasizes *speaking with intent* and converts speech from an automatic function to an intentional act. Upon graduation from individual therapy SPEAK OUT!®, patients transition to ongoing group treatment sessions, known as The LOUD Crowd®.
- **Sessions will be conducted via teletherapy, beginning November 2021.**
- Additional general information about the PVP, SPEAK OUT!® and the LOUD Crowd® can be found here: <https://www.parkinsonvoiceproject.org>.



Opportunity:

- 100% no-cost speech therapy for individuals with a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease (PD), provided by supervised graduate student clinicians trained in SPEAK OUT!® and the LOUD Crowd®

For more information:

- If you or someone you know would like to be considered for participation in this exciting opportunity, please contact Emily Jennings, MS, CCC-SLP, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at Cleveland State University by telephone (440.840.1277) or email (e.jennings18@csuohio.edu).