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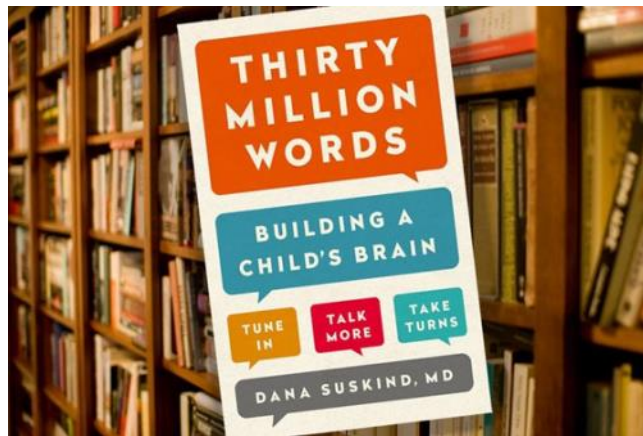
# Hear 'n' Now Conference 2016

## *Featuring Dr. Dana Suskind*

Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago

Director of Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program

Founder and Director of the Thirty Million Words Initiative



## What is the Thirty Million Words Initiative?

The Thirty Million Words Initiative develops and disseminates evidence-based, parent-directed programs that encourage parents to harness the power of their words to build their children's brains and shape their futures.

**Friday, January 8, 2016**

Carolina Club

550 Stadium Drive  
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

***Registration:***

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**\$70**

includes: lunch, breaks, parking and  
a copy of Dr. Suskind's Book

- Registration Deadline: Dec. 16, 2015

### Agenda

8:30 –9:00: Welcome

9:00-10:30: Keynote: Dana Suskind  
Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain

10:30 - 11:00: Break/ Exhibits

11:00-12:15: State of Our State Panel

Moderated by: Holly Teagle

Participants: Dr. Kevin Brown, Marcia Fort,  
Lillian Henderson, Lisa Park, Pat Roush, Holly Shoun

12:15-1:15: LUNCH

1:15- 2:30: Donna L. Sorkin, Executive Director

American Cochlear Implant Alliance

2:30-3:00: Break/ Exhibits

3:00-4:00: Parent Panel

Moderated by Hannah Eskridge

4:00-5:00 Manufacturer Update

## Invited Presenters

**Dana Suskind, MD** is a pediatric otolaryngologist who specializes in hearing loss and cochlear implantation. She is also the founder and director of the Thirty Million Words Initiative at the University of Chicago.

**Donna Sorkin, MA** is the Executive Director of the American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACIA). She has previously served as the Vice President for Consumer Affairs, Cochlear Americas and Executive Director of both Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Hearing Loss Association of America. She works with patients, families, health professionals, educators, national and local officials to increase understanding of key hearing loss issues impacting both children and adults. As a cochlear implant recipient herself, she is able to share first-hand the benefits of implantation.

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The following presenters are employed by UNC or the state of North Carolina and do not have any relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose Kevin Brown, MD; Holly FB Teagle, Hannah Eskridge, Lillian Henderson, Lisa Park, Marcia Fort, and Pat Roush. Dana Suskind, MD is employed by the University of Chicago and Donna Sorkin, MA, by the American Cochlear Implant Alliance and do not have any relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this conference is to provide information to professionals and parents about facilitating the development of spoken language for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain what the 30 Million Words gap is.
2. List the 3Ts.
3. Understand the influence of the early language environment on brain development.
4. Discuss the most recent EHDI reauthorization and the implications on both the state and national levels.

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