

**Children need more access to special hearing tests: Liberal leader**

**St. John's.**— The province needs more audiologists to test for a hearing problem that can affect children's learning, says Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones.

There is a shortage of these professionals in the province, said Jones, especially those who test for a specialized hearing problem in children.

Jones is concerned children with



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can have difficulty in school or social situations.

central auditory processing disorder (CAPD) can only get tested in the Eastern Health district. Children with the problem can hear information, but have difficulty organizing.

As a result, they

"This specialized testing is very important in identifying auditory problems in children and access to this testing must be expanded," Jones said. "While more audiologists can do this type of work, there is only one in the province currently administering the CAPD testing."

Jones said other audiologists in the province can do the testing, and she wants the government to encourage them to do so.