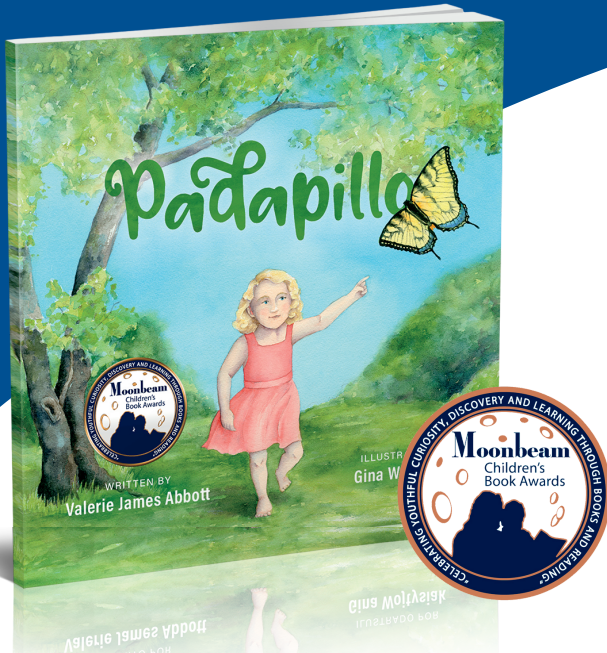


# Listen Up!™



## Valerie James Abbott

**Guest Speaker ● Visiting Author ● Parent Advocate**

- A dynamic storyteller
- A respected community leader
- An award-winning author
- An influential parent-advocate

When her daughter lost her hearing, no one noticed until significant language disorders and developmental delays were discovered.

Today, Valerie is a Mom On A Mission to improve language fluency and early literacy of children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing by improving postnatal hearing loss identification rates in communities across America.



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### As Seen On:



### Example Presentation Title & Description:

**Facts & Impacts of Unidentified Hearing Loss on Language, Literacy, and Life: The Abbott Family Story** - A real and raw account of how the Abbott family uncovered and responded to their daughter's unexpected hearing loss diagnosis. Valerie reveals the path through panic and grief that motivated her to write and publish a children's book and inspired her to establish the National Late Onset Hearing Loss Awareness Campaign. This grassroots effort, supported and endorsed by several national agencies, including the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM), aims to improve community knowledge and concern about the prevalence, risk factors, and common signs of postnatal hearing loss and the unintended consequences often associated with late-identification.

*"Valerie's story, and her beautiful book, offer a glimpse of a future that is possible, at a time when the journey ahead seems impossible."*

- Dr. Ashleigh Greenwood, Pediatric Audiologist

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