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Personal Profile

Strong background supervising and instructing graduate students in evaluating and treating preschool aged children with a variety of communication delays and disorders in a group setting (ECLC). Additional experience includes evaluating and treating children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome and Fragile X Syndrome in clinic with children ages 3-17 years of age. Clinical specialties include interdisciplinary assessment and collaboration with Physical Therapy graduate students and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) at Saint Louis University within the ECLC classroom. Management experience includes supervising graduate clinicians, planning the ECLC classroom curriculum and weekly themes as well as conducting weekly clinical meetings with the students.

Professional Experience

Early Childhood Language Coordinator August 2015-present Saint Louis University – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Supervise and mentor graduate students at Saint Louis University's ECLC group by instructing students to treat children ages 2-5 years of age with a variety of communication delays
- Clinical and classroom instruction curriculum development with graduate students
- Marketing for the ECLC including tours of the facility, sending out letters and brochures and meeting with other professionals in the field
- Planning and leading ECLC orientation for graduate students.
- Coordinate an early childhood language group daily routine and incorporate speech and language intervention activities into these daily routines based on each child's needs individually as well as a whole group
- Assist in developing relationships with in the SLU community and St. Louis city to increase community outreach in the department
- Continuous program evaluation of the ECLC classroom
- Case management of families including meetings, group discussions and one on one conversations via phone and/or email
- Apply for grants pertaining to the speech and language clinic

Clinical Instructor

- Supervise and mentor graduate students at Saint Louis University's clinic by instructing students to treat clients of all ages with a variety of communication delays

Early Childhood Language Interim Coordinator Present June-July 2015 Saint Louis University – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Supervise and mentor graduate students at Saint Louis University's ECLC group by instructing students to treat children with a variety of communication delays
- Evaluate reports, weekly lesson plans and SOAP notes.
- Conduct weekly meetings with students and communicate with client/caregivers to discuss treatment plans and summaries.
- Coordinate an early childhood language group daily routine and incorporate speech and language intervention activities into these daily routines based on each child's needs individually as well as a whole group
- Develop treatment plans for each client

Clinical Supervisor**August 2011-May 2015****Saint Louis University – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

- Supervised and mentored graduate students at Saint Louis University's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic by instructing students to screen, evaluate and treat children and adults with a variety of communication delays and disorders.
- Supervised and coordinated lesson plans for the clinic and Grace Hill Head Start program.
- Composed midterm and final grades for each student, evaluate reports, treatment plans and create weekly lesson plans and SOAP notes.
- Conducted weekly meetings with students and communicate with client/caregivers to discuss treatment plans and summaries.

Speech Language Pathologist**July 2010- July 2012****Howard Park Early Childhood Center - Action for Autism**

- Provided screenings, evaluations and treatment plans in preschool, home and center-based settings to all ages of children with a variety of delays and disorders including Speech-Language Delays, Autism, Down Syndrome and Fragile X Syndrome.
- Conducted team meetings with parents, teachers and therapists to evaluate progress and ensure the success of individual speech and language therapy sessions.
- Created comprehensive treatment plans and evaluation reports.
- Collaborated with other disciplinary areas including Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Developmental Therapist to create successful strategies and treatment plans.
- Developed weekly lesson plans as well as speech and language activities for a preschool classroom.

**Chief Speech & Language Pathologist
Center for Hearing & Speech****August 2003-August 2010**

- Managed the speech department which included maintaining a caseload for each clinician, attending weekly management meetings and planned speech meetings.
- Conducted yearly reviews for each clinician and supervised students from local universities.
- Developed contracts for off-site locations, determined yearly speech budget and created a variety of unit reports.
- Planned annual open house events and Free Clinic Day and represented the Center for Hearing Speech by presenting at various non-profit organizations on speech and language delays (MOPS, Urban League Head Start, WIC, Grace Hill Head Start).
- Provided speech and language screenings, evaluations and therapy to children and adults with a variety of disorders including auditory processing, voice, articulation and language in preschool and clinical settings.
- Provided written evaluation reports, treatments plan and progress notes.

Education

Fontbonne University – St. Louis, MO

- Master of Science in Communication Disorders, May 2001

Fontbonne University – St. Louis, MO

- Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders, May 1999

License, Accreditation & Memberships

- Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association since 2017
- State of Missouri License for Speech-Language Pathology since 2001
- American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) since 2001
- Educational teaching certificate from 2003 to 2014

Additional Activities

- Currently serving on the Graduate Admissions Committee for the 2019-2020 year
- Awarded the St. Louis Blues Grant with other clinic faculty members to purchase materials for a sensory room in the speech language hearing clinic at Saint Louis University, 2019
- Served on the hiring committee for clinical faculty, 2018
- Traveled to University of Colorado and meet with faculty about their speech and language graduate program and the early childhood center February 2018
- Monthly work at the Maren Fund for parents and preschool aged children with Down Syndrome 2017-present
- Collaborated with Physical and Occupational Therapy Faculty and Graduate Clinicians to screen, evaluate and treat children in ECLC as well as work closely with speech-language pathology clinicians 2017- current
- Attended American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Conference, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Supervised summer camps at Saint Louis University in the areas of literacy and apraxia, 2014
- Volunteered at Circle Star Ranch, 2014 and 2017
- Collaborated with PS Kids for children in need to receive Occupational Therapy services at Center for Hearing & Speech in 2009
- Organized and conducted a Stuttering Camp at the Center for Hearing and Speech, 2008 & 2009
- Established the preschool language group at the Center for Hearing and Speech, 2008
- Supervised graduate students from 2007 to present
- CF Supervisor in 2004

Presentations

- Presentations for caregivers of ECLC children during the fall and spring semesters based on different preschool topics named; *Parent Coffee Talks*, 2017 to present
- MSHA presentation with faculty member, Angela Adrian, *How to Motivate Practice Beyond Therapy: A Hands On Approach* April 2018
- Presented to the Circle of Hope event at the Center for Hearing & Speech about Stuttering and a specific clients progress, 2009
- Presented to early childhood providers at Salem Lutheran Church about speech and language development, 2017
- Presented to First Steps of Missouri coordinators and therapist about the ECLC and the SLU CSD clinic, 2016