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Education

Master of Arts in Speech Language Pathology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. May 2004.

Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Science & Disorders, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. May 2002.

Licenses and Certification

American Speech Language Hearing Association Nov 2005-present
Certificate of Clinical Competence

State of Minnesota Department of Health Effective date 6/1/2016
Speech Language Pathologist

Professional Experience

Changing Perspectives Private Practice
Specialist and Consultant June 2009 - present

- Provide social cognitive behavioral therapy to clients aged three to adult
- Engage parents and caregivers as collaborative partners, increasing their understanding of social cognitive disorders and providing strategies to support their child across the home and school day
- Consultant in the Minnetonka Public Schools, developing an educational philosophy and an evidence based practices curriculum for teaching social thinking

Michelle Garcia Winner's Center for Social Thinking/Teach SOCIAL Silicon Valley
Specialist for Individuals with Social Cognitive Disorders June 2007-June 2009

- Facilitated social thinking therapy groups and individual sessions in a supportive and

thought provoking environment

- Experience working with individuals aged three to eighteen, designing individualized intervention to increase social knowledge and understanding
- Trained closely with Michelle Garcia Winner, including co-treating a weekly group of middle school aged students and assisted in the evaluation process
- Observed students in their classroom setting, wrote comprehensive strategy-based reports, and collaborated with the school team to increase social and academic success
Mentored graduate student in semester-long field study experience

Teach SOCIAL Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA

Vice Chair

June 2008-June2009

- Teach SOCIAL (formerly Michelle Winner's Center For Social Thinking) is a nonprofit dedicated to providing clinical and educational services, based on the conceptual model and practices of Social Thinking, for individuals with social cognitive challenges and their families in Silicon Valley, California
- Directed Teach SOCIAL Silicon Valley in the absence of the Board Chair
- Assisted the Clinic Manager with the coordination, oversight, and development of future programs and services

American Speech Language Hearing Association

Peer Reviewer

June 2008-June 2009

- Selected to peer review five continuing education programs in the area of autism spectrum disorders and pragmatic assessment and intervention

Minnetonka Public Schools, Minnetonka, MN.
Speech Language Pathologist.

June 2004-June 2007

- Provided evaluation, intervention, and advocacy to children with various communication disorders including: autism spectrum disorders, apraxia, phonological, fluency, and voice disorders, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and overall developmental delays
- Experience working with children ranging from eighteen months to twelve years
Wrote evaluation reports, Individualized Education Plans, and Progress Reviews
- Collaborated daily with teams of teachers, therapists, administrators, and families to provide individualized programming and services
- Designed and presented in-service workshops to general education teachers on various communication disorders and related classroom strategies
- Developed innovative early literacy program and wrote a grant that received funding for the project

Selected Presentations/Trainings

- American Speech Language Hearing Association – Schools Conference. Poster Session & Roundtable Facilitator. July 2008. Orlando, FL
- Social Thinking Providers Conference 2009-2014. San Francisco, CA.
- West Metro Speech Language Coordinators Winter Conference. Jan 2010. Minnetonka, MN
- Carver Scott Educational Cooperative Summer Institute. Aug 2010. Waconia, MN.
- Robbinsdale Area Schools. Early Childhood Programs. Aug 2010. Robbinsdale, MN
- Eastern Carver County Schools. October 2010 Chanhassen, MN
- Prior Lake - Savage Early Childhood Programs. November 2010. Prior Lake, MN
- West Metro Subregional Autism Support Network. Keynote Address - Autism Information Day. Jan 2011 Hopkins MN

- Eden Prairie Public Schools. Early Childhood Programs. February 2010 & Dec 2011. Eden Prairie, MN.
- Minnetonka Schools October 2009 – current
- American Speech Language Hearing Association – National Conference. Nov 2013. Chicago, IL.

Research Experience

Master's Thesis: Assessing Social Communication of Adolescents with Asperger Syndrome. University of Kansas. May 2004.

Studied Michelle Garcia Winner's "Double Interview Task" as a means for assessing social communication of adolescents

Child Language Acquisition Laboratory. University of Missouri. Spring 2002.

Responsibilities included transcribing and coding of child and parent interactions