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Professional Objectives

To provide excellent diagnostic and therapeutic speech/language pathology professional services to individuals with communication and feeding/swallowing disorders

To provide supervision to speech/language pathology undergraduate and graduate level students during clinical service delivery

Education

Florida State University, 1980 Master of Science in Speech/Language Pathology

University of Florida, 1979 Bachelor of Arts in Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology

Owensboro High School, 1974 Honor Graduate

Licenses/Certification

Kentucky Board of Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology

Indiana Board of Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech/Language Pathology

Professional Memberships

Western Kentucky Speech/Language/Hearing Association

Kentucky Speech/Language/Hearing Association

Indiana Speech/Language/Hearing Association

American Speech/Language/Hearing Association

Special Interest Groups: Private Practice, Telepractice, Administration and Supervision

Professional Achievements

Received three ASHA ACE awards for outstanding achievement in the area of continuing education in the years 2016, 1996, and 1993

Served on the Cleft Lip/Palate multidisciplinary medical team for 9 years for the Green River District Established, developed and staffed outpatient clinics in hospital and long-term care facilities offering speech/language pathology services in Western Kentucky and Indiana

Provided supervision for numerous undergraduate and graduate level college students in the speech/language pathology professional academic field

Supervised numerous Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) ASHA candidates

Provided career guidance educational opportunities for local high school programs promoting the field of speech/language pathology

Peer appointed for a two year term co-chairing the First Steps program's District Early Intervention Committee for the 7 county Green River District in Kentucky

Provided various in-services/educational opportunities to local pediatricians, nurses, hospice volunteers, home health agencies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, health department employees, and Head Start programs

Presented an educational seminar to members of the Western Kentucky Speech/Language Pathology association regarding the role of the speech/language pathologist as an interdisciplinary cleft palate team member

Provided a guest lecture to undergraduate students at Western Kentucky University regarding feeding development and treatment issues in both orally and G-tube fed children

Established and maintained reputable professional relationships with local physicians and other allied health care professionals

Professional Service Provision/Clinical Experience

Wight Speech and Language Services LLC May 2014-present

Sole owner of the business. Supervisor of one full time employed speech/language pathologist. CFY supervisor. Supervisor of clinical interns from Brescia College. Provider of diagnostic and therapeutic services in the area of speech/language/swallowing.

Wight Speech and Language Services June 1989 – present

Owner of a private practice and clinical provider of speech/language pathology services to individuals of all ages since 1989, currently serving solely the birth to 21 year old population

Staffed the office providing supervision and guidance to numerous speech/language pathologists in the areas of service delivery, paperwork completion procedures, KSHA/ASHA requirements, and Kentucky regulations relating to the field of speech/language pathology

Established and maintained practice policies and procedures to ensure quality service delivery, quality outcomes and HIPAA compliance

Networked with local physicians, nurses, health care providers and other community agencies to identify and serve individuals in need of speech/language pathology services

Promoted public awareness of the profession of Speech/Language Pathology through media and public relations activities

Provided professional services to individuals in both Southern Indiana and Western Kentucky

Developed, served and maintained contracts with numerous hospitals, long-term care facilities, local agencies and state agencies in need of service delivery in the field of speech/language pathology

Supplied speech/language pathology services to Hospice of Western Kentucky for 20 years

Assisted families with referrals to other local agencies for related and identified therapeutic needs

Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs July 1986- June 1989

National Health Corporation 1982-1986 (cannot recall exact months)

Fort Walton Beach Speech and Hearing Clinic 1981 (cannot recall exact months)

Professional Skills

American Sign Language

Excellent organizational skills

Strong interpersonal skills

Extensive experience working with all age groups

Experience with cultural diversity

CPR Certification

Past or Current Contracted Agencies

Community Health Services

Green River District Health Department Home Health Agency

Hermitage Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Hospice and Palliative Care of Owensboro

Kentucky Department for Disability Determinations

Kentucky First Steps Program

McLean County Hospital

Medco Center of Henderson

Owensboro Medical Health System Hospital

Owensboro Medical Health System Home Health Agency

Perry County Memorial Hospital

Past or Current Contracted Health Insurance Companies

Aetna of Kentucky

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield

Anthem Medicaid

Humana, Inc.

Kentucky Medicaid

State of Kentucky, Department of Disability Determinations Services

United Health Care

WellCare of Kentucky

United Mine Workers

others

Past or Present Voluntary Involvement

American Cancer Society, laryngectomee support group

Dream Factory of Owensboro

First Steps, Green River District Early Intervention Committee, co-chair

Green River Area Down Syndrome Association

Hospice of Western Kentucky

Owensboro-Daviess County Preschool Interagency Planning Council (PIPC)

Owensboro-Daviess County Stroke Club Advisory Board

Owensboro Area Autism Support Group of Owensboro

Wish Upon a Star, Inc. of Evansville, Indiana