

Central Delaware Speech-Language Pathology Features a Speaker at Rowan University Symposium

Kathleen Capitan, Director of Services, Presents on Social Skills and Language

Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ hosted The 6th Annual Symposium for Speech Language Specialists on Friday March 30, 2009. Kati's presentation was on "Teaching Social Skills in Speech-Language Pathology" and was designed for speech-language pathologists and other professionals who treat children and adolescents for social skills.

Kati presented at both the morning and afternoon sessions and her presentation at each session was 2.5 hrs long. Extensive preparations went into each session and the feedback has been wonderful. If you have never seen her present at a conference, watch for future lectures and conferences.

Other sessions in the Symposium included stuttering treatment, autism, voice disorders and learning disabilities.

April is National Autism Awareness Month

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears in the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functions of the brain. Children and adults with Autism have difficulties with verbal and non-verbal communications. Each person diagnosed is affected in a different way and in different degrees so early diagnosis is crucial. How can you help? Autism Delaware is sponsoring a "Walk for Autism" on Saturday, April 25th at Bellevue State Park. You can sponsor the walk, form a walk team, or exhibit at the walk. Please visit www.delautism.org for more details.

Lucky Irish Drawing

Our lucky client, Patrick B. won the raffle drawing for a free ½ hour therapy session with Kati. Thank you to all who entered!!!!

APRIL DRAWING Guess the Jelly beans (for Children)

Guess the number of Jellybeans in our jar and win a prize! The closest guess without going over will win!!!



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LANGUAGE MELODIES GROUPS

What can we say.....

Our Language Melodies Groups are becoming so popular...we had to add another group in our March session just to accommodate our clients. Because of this, we are re-structuring our format to make it better for our clients to ensure appropriate groupings. There are a few scheduling and pricing changes so check with us when you call to schedule. Our next Language Melodies Group is on: Saturday, May 9th as follows:

- 10:00am – 10:45am (Group A)
- 11:00am – 11:45am (Group B)
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm (Group C)
- 2:00pm-2:45pm (Group D)

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR CHILD'S FIRST WORDS

The first words that children use describe their own experiences and motivations. Mostly, they do not first talk about adult or school ideas. They have their own first language and appear to develop language better if they are helped to develop that special language before they learn adult or school words.

Think of words as things that tell us what a child may know about. He or she is more likely to begin talking about things he or she already knows about. A child is more likely to learn words if they are about things he knows about than if they are for things we hope they will learn. A child is more inclined to learn words if used frequently and they have easy opportunities to communicate them. For example, words like "me", "give", "you", "where", and "funny" have countless opportunities for natural communicative use. Words for numbers, letters, colors, and adult ideas have relatively little communicative use for a child just learning to speak. Ask yourself before trying to get

your child to use certain words, "How often will my child have an opportunity to use this word". Remember, the more your child communicates, the more he or she will naturally learn many words.

TIPS FROM THE BUNNY

- Don't put all your eggs in one basket
- Walk softly and carry a big carrot
- Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day
- Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits
- Some body parts should be floppy
- To show your true colors, you have to come out of your shell
- Everyone needs a friend who is all ears!

Forethought:

May is National Speech & Hearing Month. We will be offering special sessions in the month of May like our "movie" night and other activities. Look for our May Newsletter for special sessions we will be offering.

We look forward to helping your child improve his/her speech and language skills!