MAINE SPEECH LANGUAGE HEARING ASSOCIATION

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SPEAKER BIOS

**SESSION TITLE:  Let’s Get Telepractical: Advanced Practice Adult Intervention in Telepractice**

**Michael Towey, M.A. CCC-SLP** directed the Speech Language Pathology/Voice and Swallowing Center at Waldo County Hospital (WCGH) in Belfast, ME., leading a department of 20 speech language pathologists, providing speech therapy telehealth regionally and internationally.

Mike is an ASHA Fellow and has provided telepractice training to medical professionals in 44 states, universities and in Israel, Finland, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Italy. His publications include articles and book chapters about speech telehealth in voice & swallowing treatment. He is a frequent invited presenter at ASHA national conventions. Mike led the development of the first accredited speech telepractice training program approved by the American Telemedicine Association, recognized as a national model for a “content-rich and application-based speech telepractice training program” (Grillo, 2019).

Mike has taught about telerehabilitation at the University of Maine, Northern Arizona University, Ohio State University and the University of Delaware. Mike recently retired from WCGH and maintains an active role on the Advisory Council of Amplio Learning in advanced use of speech therapy telepractice, natural language processing and artificial intelligence.

Grillo E. U. (2019). Building a Successful Voice Telepractice Program. *Perspectives of the ASHA special interest groups*, *4*(1), 100–110. https://doi.org/10.1044/2018\_PERS-SIG3-2018-0014

**SESSION TITLES:  Evaluation and Differential Diagnosis of the Dysarthrias** and

**Management of the Dysarthrias Across Communication Environments**

**Julie A.G. Stierwalt, Ph.D.** is a Consultant in the Division of Speech Pathology, Department of Neurology and Associate Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota, where she serves as a consultant for individuals presenting with a wide range of speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing impairments.  Prior to her work at Mayo, she was in academica for 19 years where she taught courses in dysphagia, motor speech disorders, acquired communication disorders, structural-based communication disorders, and medical speech pathology.  Dr. Stierwalt received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Northern Iowa, and her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.  She has numerous journal publications, chapters, a co-authored textbook titled “Brain-Based Communication Disorders” as well as, “Aphasia and Related Neurogenic Language Disorders 5th Edition” co-edited with Leonard LaPointe, a text that has been translated and published in Mandarin Chinese and Greek.  In 2009 ASHA recognized Dr. Stierwalt’s contributions to the field with Fellow status.

**SESSION TITLES:  AAC Intervention & Core Vocabulary Implementation for Young Children At-Risk for Developing Speech: Setting a Course for Their Future!** and

**Doing Traditional Speech-Language Therapy Activities with Children using AAC Systems**

**Gail M Van Tatenhove, MS, CCC-SLP** is a speech-language pathologist with over 40 years of experience working with children and adults who use AAC systems.  She has worked in a center-based school for children with complex communication needs, on a state-wide AAC assessment team, and in a home-based private practice to provide collaborative services with familese for their children and adults using AAC systems.  Her contributions to the field of AAC are numerous and include development of a loaner bank of AAC devices; development of AAC-based therapy and classroom products; participation in ASHA projects on AAC implementation; editor, coordinating committee member and professional development manager for Special Interest Group 12 of ASHA; board member of USSAAC; and past president of FSAAC, the Florida chapter of USSAAC.  Gail is a Fellow with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**SESSION TITLE:  Head and Neck Cancer: What SLPs Need to Know**

**Zoe Kennedy, MA, CCC-SLP** is a speech pathologist at Waldo County General Hospital. She is the clinical lead with patients who are managing head and neck cancer and treatment side effects. She has developed a treatment pathway and has been working to have it implemented across the organization for improved treatment of dysphagia management and voice rehabilitation in this patient population. At WCGH, she routinely completes videofluoroscopic swallow studies, flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing, esophageal and pharyngeal manometry for evaluation and biofeedback, and completes initial assessment and routine maintenance for voice prosthesis used by laryngectomy patients.

**SESSION TITLE:  Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Assessment, Diagnosis & Treatment**

**Jennie Bjorem M.A., CCC-SLP, Childhood Apraxia Specialist** has been practicing as a pediatric speech language pathologist for over 22 years.  Over the past 10 years, Jennie has taken a special interest in childhood apraxia of speech.  She currently carries a small caseload of children with childhood apraxia and travels the country presenting on the topic.  She is recognized for advanced training in Childhood Apraxia by Apraxia Kids.  Jennie has owned a private practice in Overland Park, Kansas for the past 20 years and is the owner of Bjorem Speech Publications.  Jennie’s goal is to publish inclusive and diverse products that speak to all children and therapists.