

WEDNESDAY OPTION #2

Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Assessment, Diagnosis & Treatment

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Course Description

A recent survey of over 1500 SLP's collected by Bjorem Speech indicated that over 88% of SLP's consider themselves novice/still learning in the area of childhood apraxia of speech. If SLP's do not feel comfortable explaining, diagnosing and treating CAS, parents, teachers, paras and administrators are not able to be supported in helping children with this disorder. During this course we will outline the definition of CAS including digging into the characteristics through videos and how they are discriminative from other speech disorders. We will walk through the evaluation process, learn how to choose targets, and write goals. We will review approaches and specifically focus on DTTC and strategies for a motor-based planning approach. Multi-sensory cueing strategies will be reviewed and how to incorporate cueing into therapy. Videos of preschool and early school-age children in therapy will be used to help with strategy and understanding.

Learner outcomes: Learners will be able to...

1. Identify the characteristics of CAS that separate the diagnosis from other speech sound disorders
2. Become familiar with differential diagnostic criteria for CAS and learn how to informally assess
3. Describe how target selection for CAS is different from selection for other speech sound disorders
4. Become familiar with the different treatment approaches available for CAS

Speaker Bio

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.