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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

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This issue of the *RiteView* celebrates the annual “May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.” Years ago, I served on a national committee that advised the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) on planning celebratory activities for the month. In those days, BHI always had a celebrity spokesperson ~ one year it was Lorne Greene (of *Bonanza*) fame; one year it was Nanette Fabray (film and television actress of the 1940s & 1950s). See <http://old.betterhearing.org/about/index.cfm> to find the list of celebrities who have endorsed “Better Hearing and Speech Month.”

I know that many RiteCare Programs celebrate this month by offering free screenings, distributing parent-friendly information on hearing, speech, and language,

development and informing the media about the importance of early identification and treatment of children with hearing, speech, and language delays. Kudos to you all!

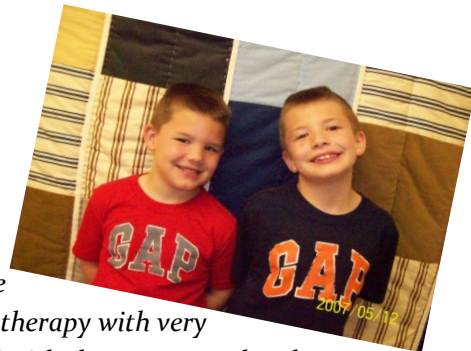
Telepractice in speech-language pathology continues to grow at Children's Hospital Colorado. Requests arise from families seen in specialty clinics such as *Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic* and *Sie Center for Down Syndrome* and span the region from Kansas to the southwestern corner of Colorado. Stephanie Coe, Speech-Language Pathologist and Clinical Coordinator, and her colleagues at Children's Colorado have taken the lead in propelling this service forward. If you would like more information on the development of a service for your program, please contact me. We have worked through the regulatory and logistical framework affecting development of a successful telepractice service.

Finally, please take a look at the April 2014 edition of the *ASHA Leader* (<http://leader.pubs.asha.org/Article.aspx?articleid=1854296>), the monthly newsmagazine of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, for an “In the Limelight” article about Kimberly Murza, Ph.D., our RiteCare Program director at University of Northern Colorado (UNC). Kimberly has developed and is leading an exciting research project on effective ways to teach pragmatic language skills to adults with autism spectrum disorders. We are indeed fortunate to have this energetic leader as the RiteCare Program Director at UNC.

Pausing to listen to an airplane in the sky, stooping to watch a ladybug on a plant, sitting on a rock to watch the waves crash over the quayside — children have their own agendas and timescales. As they find out more about their world and their place in it, they work hard not to let adults hurry them. We need to hear their voices. ~Cathy Nutbrown (www.quotegarden.com)



Submitted by: Jeneine Stevenson, RiteCare Co-Director
 Mountain View Therapy – Montrose Memorial Hospital
 Scottish Rite Foundation,



I first would like to thank everyone involved in this organization. The Scottish Rite program has made it possible for both of my children to receive speech therapy with very little cost on my end. My oldest son Patrick started with the program when he was 2 years old. There was a period where he was nonverbal. Speech therapy made huge changes in his life and our family's life. Patrick is 8 now and is doing exceptional!!! His language, reading and writing are his strongest subjects.

My youngest (Trevan) started speech therapy at age 4. He is a typical young boy without any diagnosis. He was struggling with certain letters of the alphabet and has a small lisp. He is now 6 and is still working in speech therapy and has come a very long way and is doing great! As a single mother of 2 children one being special needs and no government help or help from their father, life has been a struggle. Without the Scottish Rite program, my children would have never received the help they did and desperately needed. I can't begin to thank you enough or show how big of an impact your program has on our lives. We appreciate all that you have done and given to these children. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
 Kimery (mother of boys)



Stacey Bernal – Fluency Team Lead

We are grateful to have an expert in stuttering disorders on staff at Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care in Pueblo. Stacey Bernal has worked at the Pueblo clinic since 2001. She recently became the department's Fluency Team Lead. Stacey conducts monthly meetings with staff at multiple locations in Denver and Colorado Springs using tele-conferencing. Some of their current projects include: creating tools for analyzing dis-fluent speech, measuring outcomes for preschool and school-age children who stutter, creating new and updated parent education handouts as well as developing competencies for the ASL Department.

*There is a garden
 in every childhood,
 an enchanted place
 where colors are
 brighter, the air
 softer, and the
 morning more
 fragrant than ever
 again.*

~Elizabeth Lawrence
www.quoteagarden.com



Children's Hospital Colorado

Submitted by: Martha Drake, RiteCare Program Director
 Children's Hospital Colorado Therapy Care Center, Pueblo

Parents of young children who stutter are often very fearful that their child will have a lifelong speech disorder. They typically do the exact opposite of what they should do to help their child decrease his/her dis-fluent speech. Rather than ask their child to slow down, the parent should model a slower, easier way of talking and listen calmly and wait for him/her to finish talking before responding. Asking a lot of questions, talking loudly and rapidly, and rushing interactions are other behaviors to avoid.

Please contact Stacey at 719-305-8313 if you need guidance in treating a child with a fluency disorder.



Children's Hospital Colorado

Submitted by: Mary Lou Johnson, MS, CCC-Speech-Language Pathologist
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Image from www.myidentity.com

Every Monday, I evaluate a child who is new to our program due to concern about some aspect of speech and language development. Recently, both parents brought their son for such an assessment. A few days after the evaluation visit, the child's mother sent an astonishing message, which you will see at the end of this article.

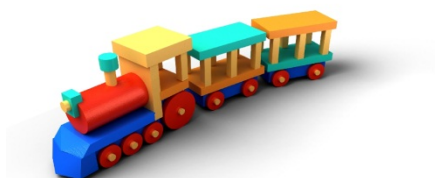
This boy was about to have his third birthday. Despite receiving state-funded Early Intervention services in his home once a week for over one year, and despite his parents completing a parent training course, this boy's ability to communicate using spoken words increased from just 7 to 10 words.

The ability to use 7 different single words is something we typically would expect in a child around 15 months of age. Such a small vocabulary is completely inadequate to a nearly three-year-old child who understands well, wants to communicate, and appears to have normal intelligence. Adding only 3 words is a very poor gain over one year of intervention. During our visit, we made three very good discoveries during trial therapy:

- This boy could and would imitate speech sounds, though hesitantly.
- He caught on immediately to the process of exchanging small pictures to receive items, a much more practical augmentative communication method than sign language to communicate with people who aren't familiar with his signs.
- He was highly responsive to my speech and language modeling techniques, which increased his ability and motivation to attempt to speak. His parents were impressed by the success of these methods, which were new to them.

Now, here is the astounding event that occurred at home a few days later. After the visit, I provided the boy's parents with our packet of information explaining the next steps before therapy can be scheduled. Attached to that packet is the application for a Scottish Rite Foundation grant. At home, the boy saw the packet, pointed to the Children's Hospital Colorado logo, looked at her, and signed "more". She felt he was indicating that he wanted to come back.

With the help of the Scottish Rite Foundation, at Children's Hospital Colorado, we can help children learn to communicate.



University of Colorado at Boulder



Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences

Submitted by: Susan Moore, RiteCare Program Director
University of Colorado – Boulder

Thriving after the Flood: CLC Renovates and Invigorates

The Child Learning Center (CLC) at University of Colorado (UCB) Speech Language Hearing Center has completed renovations and is thriving after the Boulder flood. The flood disrupted CLC toddler and preschool programs and necessitated temporary relocation to our Wilderness Center Partnership location. Children and families are now happy to be back home in the comfort and renovated space of our CLC classroom in the Speech Language Hearing Center Rite Care program. Note that because of continued support from the Scottish Rite Foundation for 2014, as well as previous support from the Matching Grant Program, our children are enjoying replaced materials, as well as reading books provided by a special allocation from the 2014 SRF Calendar cover photo of Molly and Levi at Wilderness Center location. Our children are also having fun in our new “tree house” loft; this play structure supports our early language and literacy curriculum as it miraculously turned into an aquarium when we read [A House for Hermit Crab](#) and a garden for [The Gigantic Turnip!](#)



Matthew and Alice enjoy reading in a cozy spot under the tree house during CLC Preschool.

In 2014, the CLC or Speech Language Hearing Center RiteCare program intends to support those children and families needing scholarship support for their children's therapeutic programs in the CLC. This includes a special summer offering for parents of children born with Down Syndrome called “Early Circles”, which will support parents as they navigate the many challenges of having a new member of their family with special needs. Parent to parent connections as well as continued support to learn early strategies for language and literacy development will facilitate parents’ skills as they support their children's growth and development. We are so grateful to the Scottish Rite Foundation for its never-ending support of our children who need services in our evidence-based and inclusive toddler and preschool programs.

Kudos to the Scottish Rite Foundation, who also recognized three of our exemplary graduate students with scholarships in 2013. These scholarships significantly support financing of graduate students’ continued education.

Our students, children, and families all recognize that the SRF has provided support for recovery from the flood, expanded scholarships for children and families, and significant support of our future professionals who will be serving children and families in Colorado. We would also like to recognize and thank our Wilderness collaborative program that “moved over” and provided space to give our children, students, and families a place to live and learn during the flood recovery process. This gracious generosity allowed our programs for children and families continue with minimal disruption during a very stressful time.

Thank you to the Scottish Rite Foundation! We are so proud and grateful to be a Scottish Rite Care Partner program!



Children's Hospital Colorado

Submitted by Ericka Wendorf, RiteCare Co-Coordinator,
 Therapy Care at Printers Park, Colorado Springs



THE LAUNCH OF CLEFT LIP & PALATE CLINIC

NEW LANGUAGE GROUP!

Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs is excited to announce the start of Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic at their Briargate Network of Care location. At the Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic, children and their families are seen by a variety of professionals, including ENT, plastic surgery, dentistry, social work, audiology, and speech language pathology to determine their plan of care. This clinic has seen several children over the course of the last two months. Families have expressed excitement and satisfaction with being able to receive these services locally as part of a collaborative team. We look forward to continuing to provide the best care for children with cleft lip and palate!

Colorado Springs is springing into a new language group. This language group was developed to help meet the needs of families with young children (ages 18 months to 3 years) with language delays. The group meets once a week for 12 weeks to address not only the delays of the children but to educate parents on ways to maximize speech and language learning at home and in their daily routines. While the children are receiving direct speech and language therapy, another therapist is working with the parents. The parents are given the tools to help their children develop and meet their full potential. The group has finished one round with great success and is starting their second round this spring.

Teachers Pay Teachers

Submitted by Martha Drake, RiteCare Director, Pueblo

Martha Drake and *Allison Armitage* have teamed together to create speech therapy products for TeachersPayTeachers (TpT). TpT is an online marketplace where teachers and therapists buy and sell educational materials. Martha and Allison started their venture in November of 2012. They call themselves *A and M Productions*. Their first product was very labor intensive to design and produce. Now they have 64 products available.

Products range from simple category activities to comprehensive programs on how to remediate specific speech sounds. All are geared to the young child and have picture support. There are many seasonal and holiday books, games and reinforcers.



The easiest way to view the products available through *A and M Productions* on TpT is to start with their blogs:
Allison's blog: www.thespeechpathplace.blogspot.com
Martha's blog: www.speechtherapytools.blogspot.com



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