

Multicultural considerations for evaluating children with speech-language disorders and autism

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Course Description:

Evaluation of culturally-linguistically diverse (CLD) children demands specialized knowledge of dynamic and non-standardized assessment tools. This event will review some dynamic and non-standard assessment tools that are available and how they can be used to evaluate CLD patients with speech and language disorders and/or autism. It will also provide information about evidence-based practice in evaluating children in this population.

Learner Outcomes:

Upon completion of this seminar, the participants will be able to:

- Describe alternatives to standardized testing to assess speech sound disorders.
- Identify where to find resources for speech sound difference versus disorder in culturally and linguistically diverse children.
- Discuss alternative scoring procedures to commonly used standardized tests when evaluating speakers of African American English.
- State common grammatical differences between African American English and Standard American English.
- Discuss how the Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-Mapp) can be used as a functional assessment to evaluate clients with language disorders and other developmental disabilities such as autism.
- Identify culturally appropriate stimulus materials and language targets based on the clients background.
- Apply word study knowledge in their evaluation of children with a variety of backgrounds.
- Utilize a language analysis to determine if a child's language skills are attributed to a language difference, an impairment, or within typical range.

About the Presenter(s):

Jennifer Vannest, MA, CF-SLP, PhD has worked as a speech-language researcher for over 15 years and has been working clinically as a SLP for one and a half years. Jennifer has a research focus on speech sound disorders and splits her time between clinical work at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Mason and Green locations and research and teaching at University of Cincinnati.

Peter Wagreeich, MA, CCC-SLP received his bachelor's degree in linguistics from University of California Santa Cruz and studied speech-language pathology at Northwestern University. He has been practicing as a speech-language pathologist for 8 years and has a special interest in speech sound disorders, craniofacial anomalies, and voice disorders. Peter also served as an adjunct professor at Aurora University in Illinois where he taught courses in phonetics, speech and language development, and speech sound disorders.

Samantha Fahrenkamp, M.A., CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Outpatient Liberty Satellite. Her areas of interest and expertise are treating children and adolescents with Autism, Speech Sound delay, Childhood Apraxia of Speech and language impairments. She also holds competencies in AAC and Birth to 3.

Samantha is currently an active member on the Autism team and a contributing member of the AAC Team.

Michelle Moss, M.A., CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Outpatient Liberty Satellite. Her areas of interest and expertise are treating children and adolescents with Autism, Speech Sound delay, Childhood Apraxia of Speech and language impairments. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Applied Behavioral Analysis to complete a certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Michelle is currently an active member on the Autism team.

Dawn R. Girtten, SLPD, CCC-SLP is the Outpatient Clinical Manager for Speech-Language Pathology services at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. In addition to managing the ten outpatient satellites, she is involved in a NIH-grant providing language services via telehealth to caregivers of children with Fragile-X and is passionate about providing comprehensive language evaluations to children. Her specialty areas include evaluations for children with autism spectrum, auditory processing, receptive, expressive, and pragmatic language deficits. She also enjoys working with the child who displays behavioral difficulties.

Kimberly DeRubeis, MS, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Eastgate location. Her specialty areas are working with pre-school and school-age children and families impacted by speech and language disorders. She is particularly interested in reading and writing skills. Kim has been with the Division of Speech-Language Pathology since 2017.

Program Schedule:

- 11:00 – 11:20 a.m. Speech sound evaluation of culturally and linguistically diverse children
(Jennifer Vannest)
- 11:20-11:40 a.m. Evaluation considerations for speakers of African American English
(Peter Wagreich)
- 11:40-12:00 p.m. Introduction to the VB-Mapp as an assessment tool for children with Autism
(Samantha Fahrenkamp, Michelle Moss)
- 12:00-12:20 p.m. Dynamic assessment of language
(Dawn Girtten, Kimberley DeRubeis)
- 12:20-12:30 p.m. Questions and wrap-up

General Information:

Location:

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Sabin Auditorium

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