

Abilities Rehabilitation

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EDUCATION

2010 Sociology

Honors Bachelor of Arts Degree
Nipissing University

2012 Communicative Disorders Assistant

Post Graduate Certificate
Georgian College

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014-Present

Communicative Disorders Assistant Catastrophic Brain Injury Clients

Private Contracts Northern & Central Ontario

- Work with adults and youth who have had a brain injury as a result of a motor vehicle accident
- Communicate with clients, professionals and other community partners in person, on the phone or via email
- Meet with clients in their homes, at community offices or other various community settings
- Under the supervision of an SLP, create and implement specialized programs which include, but are not limited to, work and job placement, budgeting, scheduling, problem solving, anger management, social skills, repairing relationships with family members, and transitioning back to pre-accident life
- Program, implement and train clients and their families/team members on alternative and augmentative communication
- Program, implement and provide education on various technology platforms
- Interview clients to create appropriate, functional and attainable goals, and support them through the process
- Connect with community partners such as Ontario Works, CMHA and OBIA
- Support clients with paperwork related to medical appointments, social services, school or work
- Work collaboratively on common goals with other professions (OT, Psychology, RSW)
- Write reports suitable for court and complete all documentation in a timely manner
- Advocate for clients and their specific goals at team meetings
- Participate and teach conflict resolution
- Train, supervise and provide support to rehabilitation support workers

2018-Present

Communicative Disorders Assistant Pediatric Speech and Language Clinic

Simcoe Speech Clinic Alliston Ontario

- Work with various populations including those with speech-language delays, ASD, learning delays and other developmental disabilities
- Provide individual and group therapy
- Prepare and implement therapy goals related to articulation, stuttering and fluency, voice therapy, literacy, receptive language and social skills
- Work alongside other professionals on common goals
- Provide support and training to daycare workers and other support staff
- Provide training and consultation to parents
- Write weekly progress reports for clients
- Create and implement various policies and procedures for the clinic

2015-2019

**Literacy Tutor
Early Literacy Intervention**

**Conversation Time
Norther Ontario**

- Work with a variety of populations including those with learning delays, special needs, autism and Indigenous populations
- Provide literacy intervention to children and youth at schools, in their homes or in a community setting
- Work along side professionals to collaborate on goals and attend school meetings
- Create and implement specialized programs that focus on reading, writing and comprehension
- Continuously attend and participate in educational workshops and conferences
- Create schedules, invoices, policies and procedures

2014-2015

**Communicative Disorders Assistant
Preschool Speech and Language Department**

**One Kids Place
North Bay, ON**

- Work with a variety of populations such as special needs, ASD and global delays
- Prepare and implement individual and group therapy programs targeting speech-language, social and literacy goals, as well as parent training
- Create themes for individual and group therapy
- Complete all documentation in a timely manner
- Provide homework and home programming for families
- Attend and participate in group meetings
- Contribute to a literacy working group with SLP's

2013-2014

**Communicative Disorders Assistant
Augmentative Communication and Writing Aids Clinic**

**Thrive Child Development Centre
Sault Ste Marie, ON**

- Assist with assessments, exploration meetings and observation visits
- Program lite-tech and high-tech devices
- Create communication books
- Provide AAC training and support to clients, families and school teams
- Provide one-on-one or group therapy to AAC users
- Learn and provide training to colleagues on new communication strategies, books and devices
- Assist in the development and implementation of parent training workshops, and AAC social groups
- Assist with research and proposals within the AAC clinic
- Organize and complete paperwork related the AAC clinic, ADP and CEP
- Provide technical support to the centre

2012-2013

**Communicative Disorders Assistant
Preschool Speech and Language Department**

**Algoma Public Health
Sault Ste Marie, ON**

- Prepare and implement therapy programs which include early language development, articulation, fluency and stuttering, and social skills
 - Provide one-on-one therapy, group sessions and summer camp school readiness programs
 - Assist with parent and community training sessions and ASD social groups
 - Prepare program plans and write progress notes
 - Prepare outreach materials and pamphlets
 - Assist with research and proposals withing the Speech and Language Department
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 01/2020 Wellness Webinar** - Exploring Mindfulness as a means of self care
- 11/2019 Autism Symposium 2019** - Navigating the ever changing world of ASD
- 10/2019 Power of Success Conference** - Learn proven success and life skill strategies to use in the workplace
- 09/2018 Innovation in Brain Injury: Leading a World of Change** - Modern research and techniques for ABI
- 06/2018 Children & Youth with Brain Injuries Practical Strategies Workshop** - Intensive workshop looking at practical strategies for ABI caregivers
- 05/2018 Organizer for the North Bay Brain Injury Meet & Greet** - Public information session and education reception for professionals
- 10/2017 Advances in Diagnoses and Strategies in Rehabilitation** - Conference: solutions to further help brain injury patients
- 02/2017 Neurorehabilitation: Assisting Recovery and Function in Everyday Life Following Brain Injury** - Certificate training program with Brock University and OBIA
- 11/2016 Annual Literacy Conference** - Province wide conference, lectures on various literacy topics from professionals in the field
- 12/2015 Animated Literacy Workshop** - Developing language and literacy in the early years
- 11/2015 Mind Over Chatter** - Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation in a rehab setting with ABI clients
- 05/2015 Brain Basics** - Introduction to Acquired Brain Injury at the Ontario Brain Injury Association of Ontario
- 04/2015 Help Me Tell My Story Literacy Workshop** - Social Communication development through narrative intervention
- 11/2014 Guest Presenter: Ethnicity and Immigration** - Lecture for the Sociology and the Family course Nipissing University
- 10/2014 Guest Present: Introduction to Race and Ethnicity** - Lecture for the Introduction to Sociology course at Nipissing University
- 11/2013 Presenter: Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication** - Lecture for Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists
- 09/2013 Hanen: Building Emergent Literacy** - Strategies for using reading, conversation and everyday activities to promote literacy
- 04/2013 Hanen: Communicating Together** - Interactive language facilitation strategies for preschool children