

Cheri S. Holdredge, M.S., CCC-SLP/L
Speech and Language Pathologist
Academic Tutor

EDUCATION:

Master of Science, Speech-Language Pathology, Bloomsburg University, PA (May 1994)
Bachelor of Science, Communication Disorders, Bloomsburg University, PA (May 1992)

Professional Experience:

Speech-Language Pathologist and Academic Tutor

Dower and Associates, Leesburg, VA

September 2003 – Present

- Provide treatment for children with learning disabilities, phonemic awareness / reading disorders, written language and semantic / pragmatic language disorders in a private practice setting, as well as tutoring of problem subjects in school for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students.
- Provide treatment of phonological and articulation disorders to school-age students, as well as myofunctional (tongue thrust) therapy to children and an adolescent.
- Provided evaluations and extensive reports of school-aged children new to the practice in the areas of articulation, language, pragmatics, reading and oral-motor skills.
- Provided speech, language and hearing screenings for all new students in a private school setting.
- Provided in-home therapy for one student incorporating the science of Applied Behavior Analysis emphasizing BF Skinner's Analysis of Verbal Behavior.
- Attended an initial training workshop and began treatment with severely autistic children with extremely challenging behavioral difficulties in a private school setting, incorporating the science of Applied Behavior Analysis emphasizing BF Skinner's Analysis of Verbal Behavior.
- Provided administrative support to the director by fielding intake calls, advising parents on the need for services and creating informational materials for the company's website.
- Report writing included diagnostic evaluation reports and treatment plans. Development of IEP present level of functioning and IEP objectives and benchmarks, quarterly progress reports for students with IEPs and yearly progress reports and discharge summaries for private school students.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Center, Herndon, VA

February 1999 – September 2003

- Provided evaluation and treatment for pre-school and school-age children in a private practice setting and a private school for Emotionally Disabled children. Areas of need included: Apraxia, Articulation / Phonological Processing Disorder, Autism Spectrum, Cleft

Palate / Resonance Disorder, Developmental Delay, Down Syndrome, Emotionally Disabled, Fluency Disorder, Learning Disabled, Myofunctional (tongue thrust), Oral-Motor, Phonemic Awareness; Receptive, Expressive and Pragmatic Language Disorders and Selective Mutism.

- Some experience with Sign Language, Augmentative Communication and PECS.
- Conducted speech and language screenings at preschools.
- Responsible for fielding intake calls, advising parents on need for evaluation / therapy, scheduling of evaluations and new therapy clients for the director and all staff members of the office, mailing informational brochures and intake forms.
- Reports included evaluation reports including a thorough description of the child's performance, test scores and communication skills in both formal assessment and spontaneous communication. Upon initiation of therapy, treatment plans were written to address the plan of treatment and specific behavioral objectives. Formal Progress Reports were written approximately every six months, reviewing all objectives and making recommendations for further treatment, if necessary.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA

June 1994 – January 1999

- Provided evaluation and remediation of a wide spectrum of communication disabilities for pre-school and school-age children.
- Integrated speech and language skills within the preschool classroom by providing weekly language groups for the whole class.
- Incorporated curriculum and Standards of Learning within therapy.
- Implemented a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment.
- Participated in Child Study Committee and IEP Team meetings.
- Experienced with the following populations: Autism, Down's Syndrome, Emotionally Disabled, Learning Disabled, Cerebral Palsy, Developmentally Delayed and Phonologically Impaired.
- Provided informational sessions for parents and support group for parents of Special Needs children.

Graduate Extern

Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA

March – May 1994

Graduate Extern

Prince William and Potomac Hospitals, Prince William County, VA

January – March 1994

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Member
- Active Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology
- Virginia Licensure by Department of Health Professions in Speech-Language Pathology
- Inactive Teaching Licensure for State of Virginia

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- *Verbal Behavior in the Natural Environment Workshop* with Holly Kibbe, BCABA and Cherish Twigg, BCABA, October 2005
- *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention*, November 2004. 1.7 hours Continuing Education Units
- *Teaching Verbal Behavior-Hands On Training for Teachers, Tutors and Therapists* with Holly Kibbe, BCABA and Cherish Twigg, BCABA, April 2004
- *Introduction to Verbal Behavior Workshop* with Dr. Vincent Carbone, BCBA November 2003
- *Remediation Strategies for Children with Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia*, Home Study, June 2003
- *Accessibility Leadership Summit through Developmental Delay Resources*, May 2001
- *Speech Pathology SuperConference*, James Madison University, March 2001:
 - Serving Children in the Classroom, Comprehension Monitoring, Pediatric Swallowing, Management of Resonance Disorders and Fluency Disorders.

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