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SUMMARY

Founding Director of **Speech Pathology Services**, an interdisciplinary Speech-Language and Occupational Therapy clinic in Atlanta. Extensive knowledge relative to language development, auditory processing, reading acquisition, dyspraxia, and brain plasticity across the lifespan. One of the first practitioners in the U.S. to introduce brain plasticity programming in the pediatric, school-age, and typical-aging adult populations.

Co-authored and published **Toddler Talk**, one of the first training guides for Speech-Language Pathologists that focused on a child-centered, indirect intervention approach. **Invited speaker** at the state and national level, conducted over 30 presentations and workshops, and appeared on 11 **Alive local television** due to the success of Toddler Talk Programming.

In 2006, invited to join the **Society for Neuroscience** and received the **Scientific Learning 2000 Leadership Award** for bringing brain-based technology and approaches to intervention. In 2006, launched **Memory Matters**, A Posit-Science Brain Fitness Program, for adults with typical, age-related memory decline, as part of the Adult Division of SPS.

Received **numerous awards** from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Currently, Co-President of the Board of Directors of Chrysalis Experiential Academy and past Board of Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia, Cobb County Chapter.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founding Director of Speech Pathology Services (SPS), Inc.

1987 – Present

Directs SPS, a Speech, Language, and Occupational Therapy clinic in the Metro Atlanta area. Responsibilities include establishing clinic programming, recruiting, hiring, and supervising clinical and administrative staff, as well as providing direct clinical services. Develops and implements

marketing strategies as well as long-term directional planning.

Organizes Clinician Exchange programming which provides an arena for SPS professional staff to discuss and review state-of-the-art research in addition to diagnostic and therapeutic protocols. Co-developer of Toddler Talk, a published program used by Speech-Language Pathologists to teach parents how to facilitate communication during play.

Conducts Short Courses nationally on early language innovative techniques for evaluation and remediation. Presents at state and national conferences and workshops; providing guest lectures to community organizations and educational institutions on a regular basis.

1985 - 1986

Director, Speech Pathology Department, Jersey Shore Medical Center (JSMC), Neptune, N.J. Directed department, recruited, hired, and supervised staff speech-language pathologists, and coordinated Speech Pathology Intern Program. Developed patient care programming, marketing strategies, and long range planning.

Member of interdisciplinary team which provided inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Performed patient evaluation, consultation, and therapy. Treated patients who suffered from stroke, laryngectomy, head injury, and neurologic disease. Diagnosed and remediated phonology, language, voice, fluency, and swallowing disorders. Provided speech / language evaluations for JSMC Child Evaluation Center. Participated in JSMC High Risk Follow-up Program.

Developed 1st Modified Barium Swallow Program in area. Generated Radiology and Speech Pathology protocols. Trained hospital staff as to patient referral procedure, feeding, and dietary indications. Marketed Speech Pathology Program to secure referral sources from hospitals and agencies outside JSMC.

Provided in-services to rehabilitation staff on aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia, and dysphasia. Taught childhood speech and language development class in JSMC School of Nursing.

1982 - 1985

Speech-Language Pathologist, Cobb County Public School System, Marietta, GA. Diagnosed and remediated speech-language disorders in elementary, middle, and high school settings. Populations included mildly severely intellectually impaired, learning disabled, severely emotionally disturbed and specific speech-language disorders. Treated children diagnosed with mild to severe articulation, phonology, language, voice, and fluency disorders.

Group Monitor for Peer Group Model. Chaired committee which developed phonology, language, voice, and fluency diagnostic format for Speech and Language Disorders

Program. Presented case study at Speech and Language In-service. Served on local school Student Support Team.

1984 - 1985

Speech-Language Pathologist, Comprehensive Language and Speech Program, Norcross, GA. Diagnosed and remediated speech-language disorders of home-bound adult patients. Formally assessed patients monthly. Consulted with home health care staff to provide inter-disciplinary approach to patient care.

1980 - 1982

Speech-Language Pathologist, Douglas County Public School System, Douglasville, GA. Diagnosed and remediated speech-language disorders in elementary, middle, and high school settings. Population included hearing impaired, learning disabled, mildly-moderately intellectually impaired, and specific speech-language disordered. Treated articulation, phonology, language, voice, and fluency disorders.

Administered PICAC (Porch Index of Communicative Ability in Children) to students throughout the county. Supervised two Speech-Language Pathologists for American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Clinical Fellowship Year.

1981- 1982

Speech-Language Pathologist, Visiting Nurse Association of Metro Atlanta, Atlanta, GA. Diagnosed and treated homebound patients with speech-language disorders. Consulted with home-health care staff to provide interdisciplinary approach to patient care.

1981 - 1985

Speech-language Pathologist, Private Practice, Atlanta, Georgia. Diagnosed and treated adults and pre-school children with speech-language disorders.

June – August 1980

Graduate clinical practicum, Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, S.C. Diagnosed and treated patients with speech-language disorders in acute care hospital and outpatient clinic. Population age ranged from two years through adulthood.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M. J., (1993). Effectiveness of a parent-toddler intervention program: Parent perceptions. *Asha*, 35, 136.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M. J., (1992). Improving communication skills in toddlers through parent-focused intervention, *Asha*, 34, 112.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M. J., (1991). Facilitating parent-toddler interactions: Impact on lexical development. *Asha*, 33, 157.

PUBLIC SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Cohen, M.J. (2007). Reading: The Gateway to Learning. Atlanta Jewish Times, Atlanta, GA.

Cohen, M.J. (2007). The Brain Fitness Revolution. Atlanta Jewish Times, Atlanta, GA.

Cohen, M. J., & Schober-Peterson, D. (1991, April). For Kids' Sake. Two-part segment on language development in young children. WXIA, Channel 11, Atlanta, GA.

Cohen, M. J., & Schober-Peterson, D. (1990, September). Talking with toddlers adds new skills daily. Youth View Parent Magazine, Atlanta, GA.

Cohen, M. J., & Schober-Peterson, D. (1990, October). Talking with toddlers. Atlanta Parent, Atlanta, GA.

CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1995, April) Language Facilitation Techniques for Families: What To Teach and How To Teach It. Mini-seminar presented at the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Savannah, GA.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1994, November). Using Indirect Intervention Procedures: A Model for Family-Centered Services. Poster presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1994, March). Enhancing the expressive language skills of toddlers: Parent-focused intervention. Poster presented at the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Duluth, GA.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1993, November). Effectiveness of a parent-intervention program: Parent perceptions. Poster presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Anaheim, CA.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1992, November). Improving communication skills in toddlers through parent-focused intervention. Poster presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1992, June). To treat or not to treat: The effect of intervention on lexical development in late-talkers. Poster presented at the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1991, November). Facilitating parent-toddler interactions: Impact on lexical development. Paper presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Schober-Peterson, D. & Cohen, M.J., (1991, April). Successfully remediating speech sound disorders: Issues in articulation and phonology. Mini-seminar at the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Jekyll Island, GA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Brain Plasticity Programming for MS-Related Cognitive Dysfunction. Invited Presentation for Georgia Board of Directors Meeting of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Atlanta, GA. (2008).

The Brain Fitness Revolution. Invited Speaker for NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Projects, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta), Atlanta, GA. (2008).

Round Table Discussion: Developmental Questions. Multiples Association of Alpharetta, GA. (2007).

The Brain Fitness Revolution. Invited Speaker for Benson Senior Center, Atlanta, GA. (2007).

Living Life to the Fullest: Your Guide to Brain Healthy Aging, a Six-Week Brain Health Series for Mature Adults Division of Marcus Atlanta Jewish Community Center, Atlanta, GA. (2007).

The Brain Fitness Revolution. Invited Speaker for Mature Adults Division of Marcus Atlanta Jewish Community Center, Atlanta, GA. (2007).

Defining Brain-Based Models of Intervention. Invited Speaker for Parkaire Consultants, Marietta, GA. (2005).

Speech and Language Development in Twins. Invited speaker for the Atlanta Twins and Triplets Group, Atlanta, GA. (1996).

Communication The First Step To Learning. Invited speaker for The Walker School, Marietta, GA. (1995).

Speech and Language Development and Concerns in the Preschool Years. Invited speaker for the Professional Nanny Association of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA. (1995).

Speech and Language Development and Concerns in the Preschool Years. Invited speaker for the Jewish Educational Services Teacher Kallah, Atlanta, GA. (1995).

Innovative techniques for treating young children with communication disorders: Moving beyond traditional approaches. Invited speaker for one-day workshop for Green Valley Area Education Agency 14, Creston, Iowa (1995).

Innovative techniques for treating young children with communication disorders: Moving beyond traditional approaches. Two-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Los Angeles, CA. (1995).

Assessment and treatment of communication skills: Approaches for young children. One-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Kansas City, MO. (1994).

Diagnosing Language Disorders: Who, What, Where, When, and How. Invited speaker for bi-monthly meeting of Cobb Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association, Marietta, GA. (1994).

Assessment and treatment of communication skills: Approaches for young children. One-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Louisville, KY. (1994).

Assessment and treatment of communication skills: Approaches for young children. One-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Montgomery, AL. (1994).

Understanding the Pre-School Screening Program. Presentation at PTA Meeting of Come Play With Me Pre-School, Marietta, GA. (1993).

Assessment and treatment of communication skills: Approaches for young children. One-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Richmond, VA. (1993).

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening Process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at St. Anne's Pre-School, Marietta, GA. (1993).

Assessment and treatment of communication skills: Approaches for young children. One-day workshop sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Atlanta, GA. (1993).

Understanding the Pre-School Screening Program. Presentation at PTA Meeting of St. Andrews Methodist Pre-School. Marietta, GA. (1992).

Speech and language developments disorders and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at The Epstein School, Atlanta, GA.

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Pre-school, Marietta, GA.

Communicative development in the toddler: Helping toddlers learn to talk. Community parent seminar sponsored by the Andover Day School, Alpharetta, GA. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D., Roswell, GA. (1991).

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at Grace United Methodist Pre-School, Marietta, GA. (1991).

Communicative development in the toddler. Community seminar sponsored by Speech Pathology Services, Inc. Co-presented with Debra Schober-Peterson, Ph.D. (1990).

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at Roswell Street United Methodist Pre-School, Marietta, GA. (1990).

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at The Epstein School, Atlanta, GA. (1990).

Voice and the professional woman. Invited speaker for the monthly meeting of the Atlanta Professional Woman's Business Association, Atlanta, GA. (1989).

Speech and language development, disorders, and the pre-school screening process. Presentation to pre-school teachers at Roswell Street United Methodist Pre-School, Marietta, GA. (1988).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Special Education, Program in Communication Disorders, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. Guest Lecturer, Program Administration in Communication Disorders Class (1994, February; 1993, February). Discussed organization structure and responsibilities of staff members, ethical responsibilities, and pros and cons of owning and/or working in a private practice setting.

Department of Music, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA. Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Music Class (1988, March). Discussed characteristics of the normal and disordered voice. Department of Special Education, Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University Of Georgia, Athens, GA.

University of Georgia Teaching Assistant (June, 1979 - June, 1980). Conducted laboratory sections for courses in Articulation Disorders and Hearing Disorders.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Speech Pathology Services, Inc. (1987 - present). Responsible for supervision of Of Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Therapy Assistants, and administrative staff. Provides annual reviews as well as on-going clinical reviews for all staff members.

Supervisor of Clinical Fellowship Year (1991-1992). Deborah Lozo and Carol Sirockman.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee Member, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Focus Group, Emory University School of Medicine, Human & Behavior Genetics Research laboratory Clinical Developmental and Applied Research Program Georgia Mental Health Institute (1996).

Committee Member, Directors of Speech and Hearing Programs, New Jersey Speech-Hearing-Language Association (1985 - 1986).

Executive Council Member, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1984 - 1985).

Chair of Membership and Resources Directory Committee, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1984 -1985).

Chair of Public Information Committee, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1983 -1984).

Committee Member, Public Information Committee, Georgia Speech- Language-Hearing Association (1982 - 1983).

Council Member, Interagency Coordinating Council, Cobb-Douglas County Health District (1992 - 1985).

PROFESSIONAL CONVENTION SERVICE

Session Chair, Phonologic analysis for the beginner: Understanding formal and informal assessment procedures. Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention (1994).

ADVISORY AND BOARD POSITIONS

Co-President of Board of Directors, Chrysalis Experiential Academy (2007 – 2008).

Vice-President of Board of Directors, Chrysalis Experiential Academy (2006 – 2007).

Board of Directors, Chrysalis Experiential Academy (2006 – 2008).

Parent Liaison to the Board of Directors, Chrysalis Experiential Academy (2005 - 2006).

Advisory Board Member, Learning Disabilities Association, Cobb County Chapter (1992 - 1994).

Advisory Board Member, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder Association, Cobb County Chapter (1992 - 1994).

AWARDS

Scientific Learning 2000 Leadership Award (2000).

ACE Award for Continuing Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1996).

ACE Award for Continuing Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1994).

ACE Award for Continuing Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1991).

ACE Award for Continuing Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1988).

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

Posit Science Certified Provider of Posit Science Brain Fitness Program (2006 - present)

Advanced Brain Technologies Certified Provider of The Listening Program (2003 – present)

Scientific Learning Certified Provider of Fast ForWord Programs (1997 – present).

State of Georgia License for Speech-Language Pathology, #637 (1981 - present).

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (1981 - present).

State of New Jersey License for Speech-Language Pathology (1985 - 1986).

State of Georgia Teaching Certificate (1980 - 1985).

State of New Jersey License for Speech-Language Pathology (1985 - 1986).

Certified to administer Porch Index of Communicative Ability (granted 1981).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Neuroscience (2006 – present).

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1978 - present).

Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1978 - present).

Sensory Integration International (1997 – 1999).

International Association of Occupational Therapists (1996 - 1998).

International Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (1996 - 1998).

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, National Chapter (1988 - 1990).

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, Cobb County Chapter (1988 – 1990).

Disabilities Association, National Chapter (1988 - 1990).

Learning Disabilities Association, Cobb County Chapter (1988 - 1990).

New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1985 – 1986).