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EDUCATION

- 1998 University of Toronto M.H.Sc., Speech-Language Pathology
- 1996 University of Toronto B.Sc., Psychology & Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (License Number: 3400)
- Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
- Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- August 2002- present **Speech-Language Pathologist – Neuro Rehab Consultants Feldman and Associates**
- community based Speech-Language Pathology services for individuals with traumatic brain injury
 - Cognitive Communication Rehabilitation: functional and standardized assessments, Contextual goal-driven therapy, functional skill development
 - Individual and family education
 - Vocational assessment and re-integration: assessment of communication factors in Job analysis, compensation training for communication in vocational settings,
 - Consultation with employers/job-coaches as necessary.
- 2004-2006 **Speech-Language Pathologist - The Aphasia Institute**
- Supervision of volunteers running community-based communication programs
 - Program development, quality assurance and outcome measurement
 - Project manager for MOHLTC research project to develop a framework to be used by service providers to document evidence for life participation outcomes related to Interventions for aphasia
- 1998-2004 **Speech-Language Pathologist – Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – The Rumsey Centre**
- 1998-2001 *Neuro-rehabilitation Program*: outpatient communication and swallowing services for clients affected by stroke, traumatic brain injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s Disease, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, and other acquired neurogenic disorders
 - 2002-2004 *Neuro-rehabilitation Program, Stroke Stream*: outpatient communication and swallowing community reintegration services for clients recovering from the effects of stroke using both individual and group service delivery models; inpatient coverage as required
 - advanced therapeutic and counseling skills necessary for achieving participation-oriented and client-centred goals in a multidisciplinary team

- July – Nov, 1998 **Speech-Language Pathologist – The Riverdale Hospital**
- *Neuro-rehabilitation team*: assessment, treatment and discharge planning for inpatients with neurogenic communication and swallowing disorders
- *Continuing Care – Movement Disorders team*: management of individuals with neuro-degenerative communication and swallowing disorders
- enhanced communication skills through provision of educational workshops for team members, staff and volunteers & supervision of Communication Disorders Assistants

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2010 Post Graduate Course in Cognitive-Communication Disorders, Level 1
2000 PROMPT: Level 1 (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets)
1999 Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Training (Basic Rescuer C) *Recertified Mar. 2004*
1997 Independent Authorizer: Assistive Devices Program ~ Ministry of Health Ontario
1998 Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Clinical Educator and Instructor (status-only appointment): University of Toronto, Department of Speech-Language Pathology
- development of wellness/health promotion program for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis
- participation in program development, quality assurance, and program evaluation activities
- development of a relaxation therapy program for individuals with communication disorders

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 1999 University of Toronto Pilot Study – *Use of the Verbal Motor Production Assessment for Adults (VMPAA)*
- multi-site study leading to an examination of the effects of PROMPT therapy for Adults with Apraxia of Speech

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- March 2004 BC Aphasia Centre Conference, Vancouver, BC
Presentation: *Learning about Aphasia from Your Peers*
- May 2003 24th Annual Inter Urban Stroke Conference, Kingston, ON
Presentation: *The Development of an Aphasia Friendly Orientation Program*
- November 2001/2 University of Toronto, Department of Speech-Language Pathology
Lecture: *Anomic Aphasia in a Young Person*
- Sept. 1999 ABI Network Conference
Case presentation: *The Challenges of Integrating Services for a Person with a Severe Brain Injury*
- July 1999 Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists newsletter:
Article: *Working Towards a Person-Centred Care Model of Service Delivery*