

SST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Question of the Day



“What is the only bone that does not touch another bone?”

Answer: “The hyoid bone is the only bone that does not touch another. It is found above the larynx and anchors the tongue muscles.

Source: *The Handy Science Answer Book* by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Local Events



The Home Depot sponsors an activity the first Saturday of every month to teach children functional skills such as gardening and woodworking. What a great opportunity! Kid's Project hours are from 10 am - 12 pm at all Home Depot Stores.



Apraxia



Apraxia, also referred as dyspraxia, “is a motor disorder resulting from neurological damage”. A major characteristic is the individual’s inability to perform purposeful movements, although they have normal muscle tone and coordination. Basically, the muscles are able to function normally; however, due to defective planning/programming from the brain it is difficult to complete precise, purposeful movements.

There are three types of Apraxia: 1. Limb apraxia which involves motor planning for arms and legs, 2. Oral apraxia, which involves moving the tongue, lips and other oral muscles purposefully, and 3. Verbal apraxia in which the individual has difficulty positioning and sequencing muscles involved in the voluntary production of sounds/words.

Characteristics of Apraxia:

- misarticulations increase as the complexity of the speech task increases
- misarticulations occur on both consonants and vowels
- sounds in the initial position are affected more often than sounds in the medial or final positions
- speech is variable. It is common to produce a word/sentence correctly one time, and then incorrectly another.
- automatic speech (counting, abc's) tend to be easier for people with apraxia
- receptive language (what the child understands) tends to be far better than expressive language (what the child is able to say)
- Severity varies from client to client

*info from: [Assessment in Speech-Language Pathology – A Resource Manual](#); Shipley, K. G., PhD, McAfee, J. G., MA



Meet the SST Staff

- Melanie Shultz:** President of SST who earned her MA at OSU. She specializes in Myofunctional Therapy.
- Katherine Coen:** Received her degree at OSU. She works with pediatric and adult clients, and has extensive experience with English as a second language.
- Shannon Greathouse:** Received her BS and MA from Kent State. She currently works with a large population ranging from toddler to adult.
- Jody Hamilton:** Received her BS and MA from Kent State. She works with infants, toddlers, and adults.
- Carol Kauffman:** Earned her degree at OSU. She serves as an Independent Contractor for SST through her company Language Learning Consultants. She specializes in ADHD and auditory processing.
- Patricia Kauffman:** Received her OT degree at East Carolina Univ. Has worked as an OT for 10 years, 9 of which have been in the schools.
- Rose Keener:** Received her business degree from Columbus State and has more than 15 years of management experience.
- Kelli Lawyer:** Earned an AS degree in OT assisting from Muskingum Area Technical College and a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration from Franklin Univ. She has 10 years experience in the OT field.
- Wanda Long:** Earned her undergrad and graduate degree at OSU. She has several years experience in Acute Care Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. She specializes in adult neurogenic disorders.
- Jenny Monahan:** Earned her degree at OSU and has worked in the schools for the Past 4 years. She specializes in Apraxia, Auditory Processing, PECS, and dysfluency.



Occupational Therapy is now available at Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc. Look for **OT Corner** in future issues of the SST Newsletter for upcoming events and news from our Occupational Therapists.

Local Library Information



Columbus City Libraries :
<http://www.columbuslibrary.org>

Mission Read: For every 4 hours that your child reads, they will get a prize. If your child is too young to read, for every 4 hours that you read to your child they will get a prize. Program goes through August 9th. Contact your local library for Story time hours.

Hilliard: 645-2140
Dublin: 645-2170
Gahanna: 645-2270
Linden Branch: 645-2230
Northwest Library: 645-2656
Reynoldsburg: 645-2340
Southeast Branch: 645-2350
S. High: 645-2360
Whestone Branch: 645-2150
Whitehall: 645-2150
North Side Branch: 645-2320
Livingston Branch: 645-2330
Hilltop Branch: 645-2430
Karl Rd. Branch: 645-2250

Fast Forward Program



Two of our therapists, Shannon Greathouse, M.A., CFY-SLP and Jody Hamilton, M.A., CFY-SLP are currently being trained to obtain certification in the Fast Forward Program. This program has been designed to assist clients by bridging language skills with literacy achievement. Much success has been achieved for clients utilizing this program. Please visit the Scientific Learning Website at www.scientificlearning.com for more information. Contact us at 614.734.7777 to schedule an evaluation.

SST Calendar

May – Better Speech and Hearing Month. SST takes part in hearing screenings at the Powell Big Bear.
Articulation Group Dates: Mondays, June 30 – August 4, 9:00am to 11:00am
September 1, 2003 (Labor Day) – Clinic closed