

Childhood Apraxia of Speech:

Differential Diagnosis and Motor Learning Theory

One Day Workshop with Alison Boorman-Sears
April 11th, 2014



Alison Boorman-Sears is a private practice speech-language pathologist with over 20 years experience. For the past 10 years, she has dedicated herself to specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS). She has been trained in both level 1 and 2 of PROMPT©, and The Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol. In July 2013, she presented at the 2013 CASANA (Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America) National Conference in Denver, Colorado. Her workshop entitled *The Prosody of English: The Prosody Pyramid and its application to children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech* was well received. She has consulted on several cases with professionals in the field such as Pam Marshalla, David Hammer and Nancy Kaufman. In the summer of 2012, Alison was one of 20 participants hand selected to receive advanced training with recognized experts in the field and has been awarded the designation of "CASANA recognized for advanced training and expertise in Childhood Apraxia of Speech."

In the morning we will be discussing the assessment and diagnostic process for CAS:

- Assessment materials available on the market and what they can and cannot tell you
 - How to perform a dynamic assessment using diagnostic intervention strategies
 - How to gain information from your assessment to guide treatment planning

In the afternoon we will discuss Motor Learning Theory and how it can guide our treatment:

- What is Motor Learning Theory and what does it tell us about how children with CAS learn best
 - · What does it tell us about how to structure our treatment sessions
- What conditions of practice and feedback improve the retention and transfer of skills
 - The Dynamic Temporal Tactile Cuing treatment approach

Space is limited so register early! Registration closes March 28th 2014

BCASLPA Members: Free registration Non-BCASLPA Members: \$25.00

This event will be held at the **Skeena Valley Country Club** in Terrace, B.C.



Registration includes lunch, a light afternoon snack and coffee.

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