



Pacific Coast Speech Services Newsletter

May 2013

Hooray! We're in the final weeks of the school year and everyone is getting antsy for Summer. How can we finish the year with motivating and fun activities, and quickly assist parents with summer practice? Below, check out some quick and fun things we have found, and an extra helping of Jokes for Kids to keep everyone laughing!!



Featured Blogger-Erik Raj-Fun Activities for Therapy Sessions

Erik's blog is titled "Motivation, humor, and ideas that every school-based SLP will love!"

He's absolutely right. His ideas are out of the box, yet practical and encouraging. Who else would suggest making speech therapy paper airplanes, playing Articulation Rock Paper Scissors, or an app like I Dare You? Perfect for the last days before the break. His philosophy of laughter and fun is refreshing.



Lazy Days of Summer? Not with these fun speech sites!

Avoid backsliding! Staple a note to your progress reports recommending these parent friendly websites that encourage good speech/language. Thank you Danette, Pacific Coast Speech Services SLP, for this up-to-date collection!

- http://www.ilove2teach.blogspot.com
http://www.speakingofspeech.com
http://havefunteaching.com
http://www.sandytoesandpopsicles.com
https://sites.google.com/site/missspeechtherapy

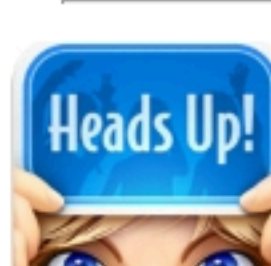


Clinical Fellows Corner-Important Updates to the California Licensing Process

The licensing board has made two changes designed to speed up the process of applying for a license to begin the Registered Professional Experience (RPE).

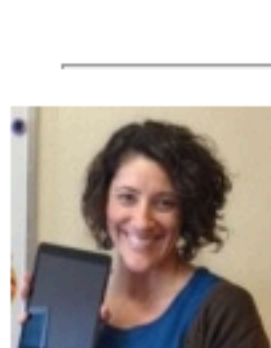
- First, additional staff has been hired to clear the backlog and streamline the process. The anticipated average wait time will now be four to five weeks after submission.
• Second, clinicians can submit their RPE packet as soon as their course work and clinical practicum are completed, rather than waiting until the degree is conferred by the University and transcripts arrive.

PCSS recommends that CFs and their supervisors fill out the applications and collect all the required documentation prior to completing graduate school. By doing so, applications can be submitted immediately after course work and practicum completion, speeding up the overall process. Check out the Clinical Fellows More Answers and the Resources-Credentials, Licensing & CEUs sections of our website for more helpful tips.



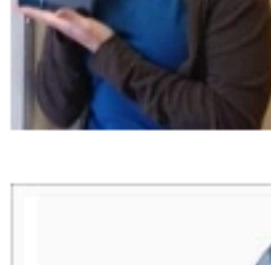
App Fun for Middle Schoolers and Above-Heads Up

Heads Up! is a simple but goofy app for iDevices by Ellen DeGeneres. Similar to the game of Taboo, it has kids describing target animals, songs, movies, and more, in a timed format. At the cost of only .99 cents, it's a great bargain!



CSHA 2013-PCSS iPad mini Winner!

Megan Dumont of Long Beach Unified was the lucky winner of the PCSS iPad mini raffle at CSHA 13. Congratulations Megan!

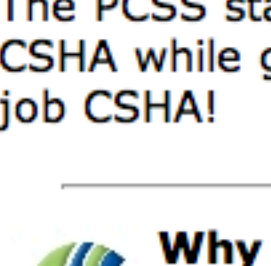


CSHA Goodies You May Have Missed

In addition to the iPad mini, PCSS distributed hundreds of copies of our Bell Curve of Student Skills and an informational packet for Clinical Fellows. The Bell Curve can be downloaded from the resources section of our website. It is designed to help present testing results to parents in IEP meetings and was met with rave reviews.

If you didn't get a chance to pick up one of our CF packets, shoot us an email with your address and we'll send one your way.

The PCSS staff enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones at CSHA while gaining valuable new education in CEU seminars. Great job CSHA!



Why Contract?

We recently came across a blog on which a soon-to-be CF asked, "What is a contracting agency? Should I work for one? Why or Why Not? Can I trust them?" Districts often have similar concerns.

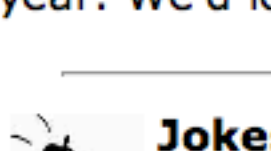
What's the short answer? Do your homework and choose carefully! It's all about SUPPORT! Look for company that:

- Provides on-going assistance and hands-on supervision of their SLPs vs. merely placing and billing for services
• Values compliance, ethics and fiscal responsibility
• Understands and matches clinician capabilities to district needs
• Provides heavy CF support to assure new clinicians are ready to tackle their caseloads
• Flexes contracted time to meet district and clinician needs

Choose a company like Pacific Coast Speech Services!

For hints on finding this kind of a match go to Districts-Why Choose PCSS, Clinicians-More Answers, Clinical Fellows-More Answers.

We are staffing now for summer services and the 2013-14 academic year. We'd love to chat with you about the PCSS difference.



Jokes for Kids

- What do you comb a rabbit with? A hare brush
What do you call people who are afraid of Santa? Claustrophobic
What's smarter than a talking cat? A spelling bee
How do you know when it's raining cats and dogs? When you almost step in a poodle!
What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite
Why was the scarecrow promoted? He was outstanding in his field!
Why did the train choke on its food? It didn't choo-choo it first!!
What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta
What did the judge say when a skunk walked into the courtroom? Odor in the court!