

Tanna Neufeld, MS, CCC-SLP, PLLC

Seattle AAC & Autism Services ≈

Professional Highlights

- Owner of Seattle AAC and Autism Services, specializing in communication therapy services for children and adults with complex communication challenge, locally and abroad.
- ASHA certified and Washington State licensed (License # LL60261204) speech-language pathologist with 8 years of post-graduate clinical experience serving pediatric and adult populations within inpatient, outpatient, and home-based settings.
- Extensive clinical and academic experience with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), Assistive Technology (AT), feeding, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and vision impairment.
- Intensive continuing education in PODD, LAMP, and other AAC strategies; CVI Range Administration & Intervention considerations; SOS Approach to Feeding; DIR/Floortime.
- Community consultant and educator in AAC and early communication development, providing parent coaching, professional consultations and workshops, and contract services with outside agencies (e.g., behavior therapy centers, assisted living facilities, and school).
- 5 years of experience in administrative roles, including: clinic management, staffing, intake and scheduling, insurance, and billing practices
- 7 years of experience in clinical supervision (CFY, SLP intern) and mentoring
- Administrative experience including

Employment History

05/2015 to present Owner and Communication Consultant
Seattle AAC and Autism Services, Seattle, WA (360) 830-6561 seattleaac@gmail.com

05/2015 to 09/2015 Intake Coordinator/Office Manager
Children's Therapy Center, Burien, WA, (253) 216-0720, info@ctckids.org

- Supervise team of 3 administrative support staff for front office tasks for a multidisciplinary therapy center; oversee all new and returning referrals for OT, PT, and SLP for two center locations (Kent and Burien); coordinate transitions between early intervention programming and center-based programming with EI Intake Coordinator and intervention teams; design and improve overall office processes related to quality of care, efficiency, and new program development.

01/2012 to 05/2015 Speech-Language Pathologist and Site Director
Children's Therapy Center, Burien, WA, (253) 216-0720, info@ctckids.org

- Assessment and treatment of communication and feeding delays/disorders for children birth to 18 years; manage a team of 6 therapists (OT, PT, Speech) and 2 administrative support staff; collaborate in larger organization-wide decisions as member of CTC management team; mentor and clinical supervisor for new graduates, clinical fellows, and SLP interns

02/2008 to 11/2011 Speech-Language Pathologist & Developmental Preschool Educator
Pediatric Therapy Associates, Plantation, FL, (954) 583-7383, ptatherapy@gmail.com

- Pediatric inpatient and outpatient assessment and treatment in communication and feeding for children, birth through 18 years of age.
- Lead pre-school teacher for special needs, language based L.E.A.P.P. program, providing language and learning intervention in a classroom setting for children ages 2 to 4 years with developmental delay, Autism, and cerebral palsy. Supervised two classroom assistants and student interns in the classroom setting.
- AAC consulting in the center and outside sites, including assessment and intervention
- Supervising graduate interns and clinical fellows

Internships

05/2006 - 12/2007

Broward General Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Acute and sub-acute, inpatient rehabilitation of neonates, pediatrics, and adults. Experience includes Modified Barium Swallow studies, bedside swallowing assessments and treatment, feeding assessment/intervention in the NICU and pediatric unit, and trach and vent rehabilitation.

Miami Children's Hospital, Dan Marino Center, Weston, FL

Pediatric outpatient rehabilitation for children with Autism.

Education

- 12/2007 Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 05/2005 Bachelor of Science in Applied Professional Studies
Dual Concentration in Speech Pathology and Biology
Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 05/2002 Associate of Arts in Biology
Broward College, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Continuing Education

- LAMP-Language Acquisition through Motor Planning
Teaching Core Vocabulary-the Pixon Project
Pragmatically Organized Dynamic Display (PODD)
DIR/Floortime
Sequential Oral-Sensory Approach to Feeding (SOS)
Pediatric Vital Stim
Nancy Kaufman's Successive Approximations Approach to Shaping Speech Production for Children with Apraxia
Cortical Visual Impairment and the CVI Range
Hanan-It Takes Two to Talk

Clinical Research & Presentations

- 01/2017 Tips for SLPs Supporting Children with Visual Impairment
Guest Lecture at Nova Southeastern university, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 06/2016 *Using Core, AAC Vocabulary in Early Intervention Settings*
Staff In-service at Birth to Three Development Center
- 02/2014 *Intervention Strategies to Support Children with Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)*
Staff In-service at Children's Therapy Center
- 10/2013 *Shaping Symbolic Communication from Non-Symbolic Foundations*
Presented at the 2013 WSLHA Conference for Early Interventionists and School-based SLP's
- 10/2013 *Teaching Language Through AAC*
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- 09/2012 *AT for Children with CVI*
Guest "expert" on CVI teleconference for parent Q&A regarding use of iPads and other technology to support kids with cortical visual impairment.
- 10/2011 *A Crash Course in AAC*
Staff In-service at Pediatric Therapy Associates
- 08/2010 *AAC and AT in Early Intervention for Children with Craniofacial Anomalies*
Presented at the 2010 Florida Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Winter Symposium
- 01/2009 *Updates on Speech Treatments for VPI*
Presented at the 2009 Florida Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Winter Symposium
- 01/ 2008 *Intervention strategies for Blind/Low Vision Children with Developmental Disabilities/Delays*
Presented at the 2008 Florida Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Winter Symposium01
- 01/2008 *Prolonged Nasal-cul-de-sac with High-Pressure Speech Acts*
Co-presented at the 2008 Florida Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Winter Symposium01
- 01/2007: *The Role of AAC in the Multidisciplinary Treatment Approach of a Craniofacial Team*
Co-presented at the 2007 Florida Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Winter Symposium

Other Professional & Personal Endeavors

- In my free time, I enjoy running half marathons (especially when delicious food is waiting for me at the finish line!)
- Creator and author of the blog SNEAK Outside the Box (archived), a web resource for professionals and families who support children with special needs and their families, specifically those who use assistive technology.
<http://sneakotb.blogspot.com>
- 10/2015 to present President of the *Northwest Augmentative Communication Society (NWACS)*, a volunteer organization dedicated to raising awareness of AAC and providing support and resources for professionals in the field of AAC and AAC users.
<http://www.nwacs.info>
- 10/2015 to present Continuing Education Committee member, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association, a volunteer, organization dedicated to advocacy and education for speech therapy professionals in Washington State. <http://www.wslha.org>
- Guest blogger for special needs/special education websites, such as Practical AAC

- Development and coordination of the Spring, 2010 “A Day for Play”, a family-centered event held at Pediatric Therapy Associates to provide information and support on the integration of technology to facilitate play for children with mild to profound disabilities.
- Participation in 2005-2006 BELL Project for early literacy development, Miami-Dade Public Schools. This project was implemented to support literacy access to nonverbal children in a mainstream and special education early learning classrooms.

Professional and personal references available upon request