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Hello Members!

It is the beginning of a new year for SCCSHA and things are changing! SCCSHA has been working on going green for some time now and we are delighted to share with everyone the new and improved website. It has been a long time coming and we have our web developer Ken White to thank for making this happen. Members will now be able to register for membership, workshops, and our annual luncheon through SCCSHA's website. Payments and donations may now be made through Paypal when members register online. Due to increased operational costs, membership dues have increased. Despite price changes, members still continue to save on in-services and our annual luncheon.

We will slowly transition into going paperless; therefore, some members may continue to register and make payments through the post. However, we are wishful that SCCSHA will go completely paperless by next year. On that note, SCCSHA's directory will now be paperless and members will be able to access it through the website once you've registered. Please visit **SCCSHA.org** and browse the enhanced website!

We invite you to attend SCCSHA's upcoming workshop on **October 10, 2014**. This workshop will focus on working with dual language learners. Liz Arenas from the Northern Diagnostic Center will discuss recognizing language disorders and intervention strategies when working with dual language learners. This is a very important subject for SLPs in the Santa Clara County because we come from a very diverse area with many students speaking more than one language in the home.

SCCSHA welcomes three new board members this year, Vice President, Katrina Boom, Newsletter Editor, Chi Phan, and Student Representative, Jessica Oseguera. We hope to continue communication with our members and the SLPs beyond the Santa Clara County area. We encourage you to offer any suggestions for this organization!

We look forward to seeing you all at our workshop on **October 10, 2014!**

Best regards,
Morgan Le M.A., CCC-SLP
SCCSHA President, 2014-2015

Legislative Update

By: Ann England

SLP SHORTAGE ISSUE

CSHA has been busy and the top agenda item for 2014 has been gathering evidence that shows a SLP shortage exists in California. Earlier this year CSHA met with legislators to discuss this shortage and was advised to document the SLP shortage so that an appropriate remedy can be pursued. CSHA has asked that the California Teachers Association (CTA) provide them with any credible evidence documenting a SLP shortage in California that can be presented to the Legislature, Administrative Agencies (CDE, CTC, etc.), or other policy making bodies.

Once CSHA has gathered the evidence documenting a SLP shortage, CSHA leadership will collaborate with other stakeholders and interested parties to suggest various approaches to remedy the shortage situation. In addition, Drs. Parker and Solomon-Rice, as members of the licensing board and university professors, have been asked to write a brief (1-3 pages) paper that explains that an increase in SLP waivers issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) is credible evidence that a SLP shortage exists.

SLPAs

*Department of Developmental Services/ Regional Centers:

Controversy, or at least different views, regarding SLPA practice seem to have revisited the CSHA/ DDS relationship. CSHA will be holding further calls/ meetings to discuss/remedy the situation. . . more to come.

*Speech Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board:

Plans to revise Title 16 California Code of Regulations (CCR) governing SLPAs, which can be accessed at: http://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov/forms_pubs/invite_comments.pdf

STATE BUDGET

***Medi-Cal** – Legislative efforts to restore speech therapy, audiology and several other Medi-Cal “optional” benefits failed. These services were removed when most “optional” benefits were eliminated as a result of drastic budget cuts during the recent recession.

***Department of Developmental Services** – Both houses added \$15.7 million to restore Early Start eligibility to pre-recession levels for developmentally disabled infants and toddlers.

TO VIEW LEGISLATION CSHA IS TRACKING

<http://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publish.aspx?session=13&id=4d0d9a0a-4076-4e7a-93d8-9021abccd826>

Past President's Column

By Joan Havard

2013-2014 Honors and Scholarship Award Recipients

Thank you to all members and guests who participated in our May Luncheon at the Rinconada Country Club. The \$1,000 Student Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Valluzzi. The Honors of the Association was awarded to Mary Ellen Jones for her many years of service to SCCSHA and the SLP field. Congratulations to you both!

2014-2-15 Honors nominations and Scholarship applicants

Jan Wilkerson Memorial Scholarship

SCCSHA is offering a \$500 scholarship to a qualified graduate student in the field of Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the student's university or college for tuition fees.

SCCSHA is seeking nominations for Honors of the Association for 2014-2015. The nominee must have been a SCCSHA member in good standing and have made significant contributions to the field of Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.



Please review specific information on the SCCSHA website: www.sccsha.org.

CSHA District 4 Fall Workshop

Saturday October 25, 2014

Speech-Language and Hearing Roundtable:

A Collaborative Opportunity to Exchange Ideas

For registration information: www.csha.org

STUDENT REP CORNER

By Jessica Oseguera

I am honored to be the Student Representative for SCCSHA for this 2014-15 year. I want to thank the past 2013-14 Student Representative January Villarreal for all her hard work and dedication to the field of Speech-Language Pathology.

My goal is to continue in merging the SJSU CD&S community with the SCCSHA members through informing the community of upcoming workshops and volunteer opportunities. I will begin recruiting volunteers for the 11th Annual CSR (Customer Service Realty) Golf Tournament that benefits the Autism Tree Project Foundation, and we appreciate any donations for this event. I am eager to work amongst the SCCSHA Executive Board Members and my fellow SJSU CD&S peers and to hear from all of you. I look forward to the 2014-15 year and wish everyone all the best in the upcoming year!



Membership Application

2014-2015 School Year

PLEASE NOTE: Your name will appear in the directory alphabetized by the first letter of your last name. Please record the following information as you wish it to appear in the SCCSHA directory.

Information boxes that are checked below will NOT be included in the SCCSHA directory.

<input type="checkbox"/> Last Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> First Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> District/Agency: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Position: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Street Address: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> City: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Phone: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: (personal) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> (Other): _____

In order to receive your Newsletter directly via email, please include your email address as we have gone green!

SCCSHA Continuing Member: Yes ___ No ___

Past SCCSHA President: Yes ___ No ___

ASHA Member: Yes ___ No ___

CSHA Member: Yes ___ No ___

Would you be willing to serve as:

A contact person between SCCSHA and your District/Agency? Yes ___ No ___

An Executive Board member for 2015-16? Yes ___ No ___

Do you provide clinical services in any foreign language? Yes ___ No ___

Languages: _____

Membership year is from September 2014 through June 2015

Regular	\$40.00
Retired	\$20.00
Student/CFY	\$10.00
Scholarship Donation (optional)	\$ _____
PAC Donation (optional) - NOT tax deductible	\$ _____
Total Amount	\$ _____

Please register online at www.sccsha.org or send this membership application and CHECK (made payable to SCCSHA) to:

SCCSHA
 C/O Marian Gericke
 1641 Knollwood Ave
 San Jose, CA 95125-5043



Elizabeth Arenas

M.S. CCC-SLP
Diagnostic Center-Northern CA
California Department of Education

6 CEU

Diagnostic Center's guidelines for designing and conducting an unbiased and best practices language and communication assessment

Elizabeth is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, she has been working in the field for 18 years. She is a bilingual (Spanish/English) SLP at the Diagnostic Center and conducts assessments and provides trainings throughout northern California.

She received her training from the University of Illinois –Urbana and Arizona State University. She has worked in private clinics, home settings, and schools (public, private, and charter). Elizabeth has enjoyed working with children ranging in age from newborn to 22 years of age who present with varying special needs, such as autism, emotional/behavioral disorders, cognitive deficits, and learning disabilities.

Her experience has allowed her the opportunity to collaborate and consult with teachers, therapists, and families while conducting assessments, creating intervention plans, and implementing services in inclusion and resource settings. She has provided trainings to parents and families of children with Trisomy 21 on feeding and development of communication skills. Elizabeth has also worked as a clinical adjunct faculty member with universities to train and mentor graduate students in the field of speech-language pathology.

Workshop Description:

This workshop is intended to provide participants with an in-depth look at the Diagnostic Center-Northern California's best practice guidelines for the assessment of culturally and linguistically diverse students. The framework was developed to address the disproportionate number of English Language Learners being over- and under- identified for speech-language services. Participants will receive copies of the forms used at the center to help guide them in future assessments.

Schedule

8:00-8:45	Opening
8:45-10:00	Intro of Flow chart/Review of records and Conducting Ethnographic Interviews
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:00	Ethnographic Observations/Testing
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Testing/Examining Data
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:15	Unbiased Reporting
3:15-3:45	Questions and Answers
3:45-4:00	Evaluations

Learning Outcomes:

This training will help you become familiar with:

- Diagnostic Center's guidelines for designing and conducting an unbiased and best practices language and communication assessment
- Alternative strategies to use when the student's dominant language is not shared by the SLP
- Availability of materials/tests
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- Tips on how to provide a "qualified warning" about a test in a written report
- Tips on how to work with an interpreter/ translator.
- Information on Dynamic Assessment
- Resources for additional support and information

This training will focus on assessing children from Spanish Speaking backgrounds.

Location

Santa Clara Office of Education, Eastside Room, 1290 Ridder Park Dr. San Jose, CA 95131

Direction

www.sccoe.org (408) 453-6500

registration form



Friday, October 10, 2014

*Required

Last Name* _____ First Name* _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone* _____ E-mail* _____

District/Agency _____

Check here to request an e-mail confirmation of your registration.

Check here if you are interested in serving on the 2015-2016 Executive Board

Please check the appropriate fees (includes 6 CEUs and meals)

- SCCSHA Member\$125.00
- Non-Member.....\$165.00
- CFY\$40.00
- Student (excludes all meals, cafeteria available).....\$10.00
- Retiree\$75.00
- Scholarship Donation (Optional)\$ _____
- PAC Donation (Optional) - NOT tax deductible\$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Please register online at www.sccsha.org or send this form and CHECK (made payable to SCCSHA) to:

SCCSHA
C/O Marian Gericke
1641 Knollwood Ave
San Jose, CA 95125-5043

For questions, contact Marian:
mbgslp@aol.com or (408) 440-8811

REFUND POLICY: Space is limited, so REGISTER EARLY! Reservation and written cancellation must be received no later than 9/26/14. Phone calls will not be accepted.

Driving Directions to Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose

From Highways 101 or 880
Take Brokaw Road Exit
Travel east to Rider Park Drive

From Highway 680
Take Hostetter Road West to Ridder Park Drive

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: RECENT CEU CHANGE:

Although SCCSHA is not an ASHA approved Provider, our courses DO satisfy the requirements for maintaining ASHA certification. Please note, ASHA will not track our CEUs in the ASHA CE Registry. However, those attendees who participate in our CEU process will receive a "certificate of completion" to submit in response to an audit. Moreover, events' CEU attendance records are saved by SCCSHA for 4 years. Please also refer to ASHA's website for further information at <http://www.asha.org/certification/FactDef.htm>