

Continuing Education at HASC

In keeping with the HASC commitment toward continuing education, HASC therapists as well as therapists from the surrounding communities attended two very informative and professional conferences.

On April 26th Lori Overland, MS, CCC-SLP presented a conference on Feeding Therapy – A Sensory-Motor Approach at our Nassau site in Woodmere, New York. This was a step by step approach to train the most challenging clients how to eat and develop appropriate oral-motor skills and movements. It was a real ‘hands on’ course beginning with infants/sucking and working through toddlers and school age children. Ms. Overland discussed sucking, spoon feeding, straw drinking and chewing solid foods. Everyone left with a tool kit of techniques to use in his/her practice.

The conference was very well attended by speech therapists and occupational therapists as well as special education teachers, physical therapists and even several mothers.

On May 3rd Nancy Kaufman, MA, CCC-SLP presented The Kaufman Speech Praxis Treatment Approach at the Holiday Inn in Suffern, New York. It presented an opportunity for Speech Therapists in Rockland County and neighboring communities to participate in a great learning experience. Her unique methods of shaping word approximations toward functional, target vocabulary and creating and applying the concept of pivot syllables were well received by the participants in the conference. With audience participation this, too, was a presentation that provided the therapists with new methods to add to their repertoire of techniques.

This conference was attended by 200 speech therapists and special education teachers as well as some mothers wanting to learn techniques to help their children.

Stay tuned for further HASC conferences. If you are not yet on our mailing list and would like to receive mail regarding our conferences, please send you email address to hasconference@hasc.net.