Counseling Skills for Professionals in Communication Disorders

INTRODUCTION

SLPs and audiologists are trained to help people improve their communication abilities and functioning in daily life, and in doing this, they often need to address people’s emotional well-being too. This webinar provides clinicians with basic information about counseling people of all ages who experience communication disorders, as well as their families, drawing on standard practice in counseling psychology. The session will introduce what counseling is and how counseling procedures relate to overall therapy for people with communication disorders. Participants will learn several specific counseling strategies to help them understand the client's (or family member's) perspective, provide helpful responses to clients' statements of emotion, and support clients in taking responsibility for changes in treatment. Other topics include: the nature of the emotional reactions clients may experience, how to further develop your counseling skills, and, in particular, which aspects of the counseling process are within the SLP’s and audiologist's scope of practice and which situations should be referred to other professionals.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:
- discuss the importance of developing and using counseling strategies to help people with communication disorders
- utilize three key counseling strategies to help people with communication disorders come to terms with their speaking difficulties and improve the outcome of treatment

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