EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

It is the position of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association that audiologists and speech-language pathologists incorporate the principles of evidence-based practice in clinical decision making to provide high quality clinical care. The term evidence-based practice refers to an approach in which current, high-quality research evidence is integrated with practitioner expertise and client preferences and values into the process of making clinical decisions.

Participants are encouraged to actively seek and critically evaluate the evidence basis for clinical procedures presented in this and other educational programs.

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INTRODUCTION

This Perspectives addressed delivery of early intervention services in the child’s natural environment, and emphasized challenges, strategies, and supports in working with parents to effect change in children birth to three years of age. Specialized topics such as parent coaching models, AAC, diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and postpartum depression (PPD) were given special attention.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You will be able to:

- describe key principles of family-centered assessment and early intervention
- identify recommended practices guidelines that support the use of parent coaching models in response to common individual-level implementation barriers
- identify challenges and supports for families with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in early intervention
- discuss augmentative and alternative communication systems using family-centered practices
- explain the effects postpartum depression may have on infant communication and potential strategies to facilitate mother-infant communication

PROGRAM HISTORY
Start date: October 27, 2016
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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