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 focused on language sample analysis (LSA) in children and adolescents across the school-age years. Articles discussed methods for collecting, analyzing, and using language samples to aid practitioners in differential diagnosis, selecting intervention goals, and monitoring progress. Specialized topics such as African American English, social pragmatic disorder, and LSA for written language samples are given special attention and several case studies are included.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- discuss which elements of elaborated noun phrases, elaborated verb phrases and grammatical morphemes occur at different ages
- develop intervention goals using the data provided for elaborated noun phrases, elaborated verb phrases, and grammatical morphemes
- describe and implement systematic procedures for collecting and analyzing language samples to identify pragmatic language disorders in school-age children
- explain the difference between features-based and systems- and process-based approaches to language sample analysis to reduce assessment bias for AAE-speaking children

PROGRAM HISTORY

Start date: January 29, 2018
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