

Karen Foreman M.A. CCC-SLP

Summary of Qualifications

Thirty – One years experience as a Speech Language Pathologist in a variety of settings with a diverse population of individuals. Extensive experience in using Augmentative Communication with students and in training other professionals to implement technology in classroom and community settings.

Work Experience Speech Language Pathologist/AAC Specialist, Chehalis School District

Chehalis, Washington, 9/2015 to present

- Provided individual and group Speech Language services for students ages 3-14.
- Training and consultation with staff in the Chehalis and Centralia school districts for implementing AAC and visual strategies for students. .

Speech Language Pathologist, Pioneer School District

Shelton, Washington, 9/2013 to present

- Provided individual and group Speech Language services for students ages 3-14.
- Consulted with team members to set up visual strategies for behavior management.

Augmentative Communication Specialist, Special Education Technology Center

Ellensburg, Washington, 9/2008 to present

- Provided consultations and collaborations with school districts for students requiring augmentative communication.
- Presented training in augmentative communication and visual strategies at conferences and webinars.
- Consulted with individual educational service providers on methods of determining appropriate augmentative communication for students and methods of implementing it in the classroom.

Augmentative Communication Specialist/Assistive Technology Coordinator/Speech Language Pathologist, North Thurston Public Schools

Lacey, Washington, 9/91 to 9/97, 9/98 to 8/00, 9/01 to 6/13

- Coordination, assessment and training of assistive technology and augmentative communication district-wide.
- Design and implementation of low and high tech systems for nonverbal and minimally verbal students throughout the district as a consultant and/or direct service provider.
- Designed and implemented a \$315,000 Economic Stimulus Grant to provide hardware, software, and training on assistive technology district-wide.
- Served as Special Education Representative for District Technology Team planning and coordinating for district assistive technology needs and accompanying staff development.
- Provided individual and classroom speech and language intervention, and personal safety, social skills, and community and vocational communication skills.
- Wrote a grant for, and assisted in the development of an off-campus 18-21 year old transition program. Wrote and was awarded two grants to obtain technology for students with developmental disabilities.
- Developed and “All About Me” social skills training program and accompanying power point presentations for students with developmental disabilities to help them develop a stronger self awareness.

Speech Language Pathologist, Providence Sound Home Care

Lacey, Washington, 6/02 to 11/03.

- On-call position providing direct home health speech, language and swallowing services to adult patients throughout Thurston, Mason, and Pierce Counties.

Speech Language Therapist, Thames Gateway NHS Trust

Gillingham, Kent, England, 6/00 to 8/01,

- Provided evaluation and consultative Speech and Language Services to 23 mainstream services. Designed treatment programs for staff to implement.
- Taught Speech and Language courses to train Special Needs Coordinators, Classroom Assistants, and other support staff in methods of implementing Speech and Language programs in their schools.

Speech Language Pathologist, Providence St. Peter Hospital

Lacey, Washington, 6/88 to 6/00

- Performed aphasia, dysphagia, augmentative communication and cognitive rehabilitation therapy with TBI, aphasic and progressive neurologically impaired adults in acute, inpatient, and outpatient rehabilitation settings.
- Completed modified barium swallow studies.
- Performed pediatric therapy for language and articulation for hospital outpatients and contracting agencies.
- Provided in-service training for allied professionals, families and support groups.
- Assisted with the design, implementation, and auditing for quality assurance reviews and focus studies for the Speech and Outpatient Rehabilitation programs.

Speech Language Pathologist, Grossmont District Hospital

San Diego, California, 12/86 to 1/88

- Worked with adolescent and adult patients with TBI, aphasia, and progressive neurological disorders in acute, inpatient, and outpatient rehabilitation settings.
- Co-developed an Augmentative Communication assessment and training program.

Speech Language Pathologist, Kaiser Permanente

San Diego, California, 7/87 to 1/88

- Served preschool through geriatric patients with difficulties in delayed speech and language, fluency, voice, dysphagia, aphasia, and TBI.

Speech Language Pathologist, Irwin Lehrhoff and Associates

San Diego, California, 8/85 to 12/86

- Furnished aphasia and dysphagia rehabilitation to several skilled nursing facilities. Emphasis on public relations, development of new facility contracts and staff in-service training. Interfaced with allied professionals, nursing home administrators, physicians and family members.

Education

M.A. Speech Language Pathology, San Diego State University, 12/86,
B.A. Communication Disorders, Washington State University, 2/76,

Professional Memberships/ Certifications

Northwest Augmentative Communication Users Group

American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Certification

Washington State Speech and Language, Certification

Washington State Educational Staff, Certification