

PURNIMA NARENDIRAN

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SUMMARY

Dedicated, passionate & accountable Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) with 23+ years of experience in servicing predominantly pediatric population with Speech, Language and related Communication Disorders.

Skill Set:

- Strong clinical skills, in-depth subject knowledge, and excellent work ethics.
 - Builds positive collaborative working relationships with clients, families, and other professionals.
 - Experienced with mentoring new grads and supervising clinicians (SLP student & CDA) as per CASLPO requirements.
 - Robust communication and interpersonal skills.
 - Experienced working in preschool and school aged Stuttering, Motor speech disorders, lateral lisps etc.
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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

M.Sc. - Speech & Hearing – May 2001, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, INDIA

B.Sc. - Speech & Hearing – May 1999, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, INDIA

Licensures:

CASLPO Registration #4530: Speech-Language Pathologist (2005- Present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

S. L. Hunter SpeechWorks- Independent Contractor
Speech-Language Pathologist (July 2024- present)

- Provides intervention services for pediatric population with predominantly speech sound and speech fluency disorders.
- Special interest in working with children and families having complex speech disorders like motor speech delay, Childhood Apraxia of Speech, Stuttering, Lateral lisp, Articulation impairment/ Phonological Disorders or delay.
- Offers in-clinic services and parent coaching to facilitate home program to ensure progress with our speech therapy goals for their children.
- Collaborates with other service providers as needed for best client care with evidence- based and client- centered services.

Lingo Therapy- Independent Contractor
Speech-Language Pathologist (Jun 2024- present)

- Provides in-home and virtual speech therapy services for pediatric population with predominantly speech disorders (Speech sound and speech fluency disorders).
 - Offers home programming resources and guidance for families to facilitate home practice to ensure progress and transfer of skills into everyday communication needs.
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ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment & Development
Speech-Language Pathologist/ SBRS (August 2020- present)

- Provides ministry funded school-based rehabilitation services (1:1 & group) in Halton region.
 - Offers telehealth & home program visits to collaborate with & involve caregivers in client care.
 - Supervises and works with Speech-Language Therapy Assistants with shared caseload.
 - Mentored new SLP graduates during their Initial Practice Period for CASLPO.
 - Collaborates with other clinicians, service providers and colleagues to problem solve issues around caseload management and for improved clinical services for clients.
 - Proficient in using basic computer skills (Microsoft applications) and electronic health record system (Meditech) for documentation and caseload management.
 - Participated in working groups and knowledge sharing activities within the SLP team.
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SE Health
Speech-Language Pathologist (September 2005- Jun 2020)

- Provided School Based Rehabilitation services for children with Speech difficulties (Phonology, Motor Speech, Fluency, and Voice) at the schools and in-home setting.
- Collaborated with school personnel, families, care coordinators, interdisciplinary team and private practitioners involved in the client care.
- Successfully managed caseload, scheduling and organized client meetings with community partners as needed.
- Involved in supervising a SLP student (UofT) and helping new hires through job shadowing.
- Excellent team player- involved in the software (Procura) program training for SLPs, and presented to fellow clinicians during team meetings on relevant topics for clinical practice.
- Completed successful Peer assessment through CASLPO in 2018.
- Enabled group learning opportunities to gain knowledge on tele- practice and initiated material development to help with transitioning to virtual therapy, during Covid in Spring 2020.

Private Practice- Speech-Language Pathologist

Sole Charge (October 2012- September 2020)

Developing Hands Inc. (Independent Contractor, October 2018- September 2020)

- Offered Speech & Language services for preschool & school aged children across varied diagnosis (Autism Spectrum Disorders, Late Talkers, Speech sound disorders, Down Syndrome etc)
 - Coached parents/ caregivers and provided support in implementing home program to facilitate speech-language progress in their children.
 - Mentored a new Graduate SLP during the Initial Practice Period as per CASLPO standards.
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Speech-Language Pathologist Past Experiences (2001- 2005)

Early Intervention services, DDI **Vantage**, USA - Clinical Fellowship Year (March 2004- February 2005). Completed Credentialing Certification of Early Intervention Level II.

SLP Volunteer, **Salt Lake Regional Medical Center & Hospital**, USA (June 2003- Feb 2004)

SLP & Audiologist at **Kovai Medical Center & Hospital**, India (October 2001 to June 2002)

Private Practice as a SLP and Audiologist, India (June 2001- Jul 2002)

Honorary Speech-Language Pathologist & Audiologist

-KRISH- School for Children with Special Needs, India (June 2001- September 2001)

Relevant Professional Training

- Fluency Plus Program for School- Aged Children who Stutter (2006)
- Hanen Certification Workshops- It Takes Two to Talk (2008), More than Words (2013) & Target Word (2015)
- Teaching Children with Developmental Disabilities to Speak: Current Research & Best Practices (2010)
- Organize & Enhance your Language Therapy, Workshop (2013)
- Making a difference: Assessment & Treatment of Children's Motor Speech Disorders (2015)
- Introduction to PROMPT: Technique Workshop & Refresher (2016)
- Oro-facial Myology: From Basic to Habituation (2018)
- Tele-therapy Bootcamp (2020)
- School Based Treatment for Children who Stutter (2020)
- Digging Deeper- Motor Speech Disorders Assessment & Therapy (2020)
- Considerations for School-Age Children who Stutter (2022)