



CSHA Was Great!

CSHA 2011, Pacific Coast Speech Services, Inc. Raffle Winner, Karen Inouye

Congratulations to Karen Inouye of Placentia Yorba Linda School District, winner of our iPad 2 giveaway. Karen and her kids are excited to apply this new technology! It was great to meet so many of you, and touch base with old friends!



There's an APP for that!

Many of us have elected to spend a portion of our non-beach time this summer getting to know our new iPad or iTouch. Those lucky enough to have possession of one of these devices, know there are a BLINDING number of possible applications available! If you didn't get a chance to visit us at CSHA, you missed out on CHOCOLATE (we know your priorities), as well as [our iPad applications list for school-based SLPs](#). Feel free to share this link (or this newsletter) with others. We know that your time is limited, and that you want a quick and easy way to weed through the Apps store to find the jewels. Our list is two pages of great apps recommended for school based SLPs. The list is designed for iPads, however, the iTunes site will confirm that many of them are applicable to the iTouch as well.



Gathering New Apps Idea: A New Approach

Our app collection (above) came from many terrific sources including momswithapps.com, slpsharing.com, ASHA List 16 suggestions, and our current PCSS clinicians. There is another AWESOME way to collect apps that we have recently discovered, and hope that YOU will help build this library.

Here's how it works. Go to your iTunes account from your pc or mac and click on the application "Story Patch." By now, most of us know to scroll down the reviews of an app to get more information. Did you know that you can click on a reviewer's name to see what else they have reviewed? If you notice, the second review down on Story Patch identifies the writer as Nia, an SLP! I was intrigued, so I clicked on Nia's name. Guess what! Eight pages of reviews from the lovely and insightful Nia on applications she uses in speech therapy!

Customer Reviews
 So cool! ★★★★★
 by RUD011

In looking further at other favorite applications, I found that many had reviews by other speech pathologists, parents of autistic children, etc. Like their review? Get more recommendations by clicking on their name! If we all (or even a small percentage of us!) periodically review apps we love, not only will developers be encouraged to create more for our market, but we will be able to benefit from the experience of our fellow professionals and parents.



Featured Website

<http://storylineonline.net>

Small but mighty! This little gem has 24 great preschool and elementary stories read by well known actors (Haylie Duff, Jason Alexander, etc). Each story has related writing prompts and other fun expansion activities, as well as captions for the students to read along! Terrific resource. Thank you, Screen Actors Guild!



What Advice Would You Give a New Clinician?

Our staffing department is busily preparing for the Fall and interviewing many EXCELLENT clinical fellows and seasoned professionals. We recently polled some of our star supervisors and clinicians with the question:

What advice would you give to a beginning clinician starting in a school environment? Here are some quick answers:

1. Start the year by making friends with the custodian and secretaries, and of course the special education team. Chocolate works well. Remember, the beginning of the year is very intense, so be patient.
2. Bone up before you start on organization strategies for data collection, work flow, etc. If your district uses SEIS or another online system, try to do an online tutorial before the school year starts. Although your code will probably not work until the first or second week of school, if allowed, borrow your supervisor's password to watch the tutorial and get familiar with the software.
3. Ask the RSP and SDC teachers which parents will present the most concerns, and what they are. With the case carrier's approval, call these parents on the first day of school. "Just wanted to introduce myself. How did the summer go? We should be starting therapy soon, but I wanted to touch base with you now so that you knew my name and contact information." Proactive conversation pays off!
4. Remember that difficult teachers, and difficult parents, often have legitimate concerns based in reality from past experience. Respect them, and listen to them. Assume that hard work and focus will pay off. However, if they are asking you to do something out of the norm (e.g. observe a session) check with your team before responding. You can always say "I am new - let me check with my supervisor and get back to you."
5. Consider reviewing our prior newsletter articles on grieving and IEPs, the Communication Cake, and organization. These three articles are the most recommended to newbies.
<http://www.pacificcoastspeech.com/html/newsletters>.



Every year, we fill openings for speech pathologists throughout Orange County and the surrounding areas of Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties. This past year's crop of schools included a nonpublic school for autism, several junior high and high schools, two adult transition programs, and a wide cross-section of elementary populations.

Are you a retiree? Looking to make a change in setting? A graduate new to the field? Do you want to work part or full time with superior support and supervision? We are always looking for passionate clinicians, and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. Right now, our biggest area of need is off the 57/91/60 freeways, but we will have opportunities offered all summer long!

Please remember that if you refer a clinician to our agency, and they accept a contract, YOU get a referral bonus!! If you have a possible position vacancy, or would like to discuss working through our agency, call Louise Valente at 714-731-6630 (our Director of Staffing). You can also surf our website at www.pacificcoastspeech.com.



Jokes for Kids

What do you call a deer with no eyes?
 No eye deer.

Why don't you have to weigh a fish?
 Because it comes with scales of its own.

Why did the bee hate math?
 Because it was only good at spelling!

What did the stamp say to the envelope?
 "Stick with me and you'll go far!"

Why did the boy scream when he opened the fridge?
 Because he saw the salad dressing!