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Professional Summary

Dedicated speech-language pathologist with over 45 years clinical experience in evaluating and treating infants, children and adults with speech, language, voice and swallowing challenges. Extensive knowledge of both developmental and acquired neurological disorders, including but not limited to cerebral palsy, autism, stroke, traumatic brain injury and degenerative conditions such as Parkinson's. Known for compassionate care and positive outcomes. Founder and principal clinician of a successful private practice for more than 25 years. Accepts Medicare, most PPO insurances and private pay.

Skills

- Individualized client evaluation and treatment planning.
- Counseling structured to the specific and needs and circumstances of the individual and family.
- VitalStim Therapy, the first FDA-cleared, clinically proven treatment for swallowing disorders.
- Myofascial and myofunctional therapy techniques to improve function of the face, mouth and throat.
- Some services provided in Spanish as needed, following consultation with client and family.
- Accent reduction for Spanish speakers.
- Outcomes measured with both standardized and subjective assessments.
- Documentation and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Professional Experience

Founder and Principal Speech-Language Pathologist ▪ 6/98 – Present
Deborah Bastidas & Associates; Speech Pathology Consultants, Bellaire, Texas

- Established a private practice to provide services for infants, children and adults across a spectrum of disorders, including treatment of the structures involved in specific deficits.
- Provide focused individualized evaluation and treatment incorporating evidence-based, innovative approaches.
- Include the family as well as client in every treatment process.
- Provide client and family counseling regarding the individual's specific deficits relative to normal function.
- Provide referrals to other professionals as needed, including but not limited physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, and physicians.
- Develop new and revise existing protocols for evaluation, treatment, and consultation based upon current reported research.
- Maintain the business integrity of the private practice.

Experience Prior to 1998

Speech-Language Pathologist - Director of Speech Pathology **3/96 – 6/98**
Vosswood Center: Life Care Centers of America – Houston, TX

Speech-Language Pathologist **5/95 – 3/96**
Orthopedic & Neurological Rehabilitation, Inc. - Houston, TX

Speech-Language Pathologist **8/89 – 5/95**
Texas Children's Hospital – Houston, TX

Speech-Language Pathologist **8/85 – 8/89**
University of Texas Health Science Center/
Speech & Hearing Institute - Houston, TX

Speech-Language Pathologist **8/79 – 8/85**
Houston Independent School District – Houston, TX

Certifications & Licensure

Certificate of Clinical Competency in Speech-Language Pathology
Texas License for Practice of Speech-Language Pathology (#13254)
VitalStim-DINES Specialty Certification (#5915)

Education

M.S. Speech Pathology
University of Wisconsin, Madison - 1979

B.S. Communicative Disorders
University of Wisconsin, Madison - 1977

Professional Affiliations

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Dysphagia Research Society

References available upon request