

Learn About our 2011 MSHA Fall Convention Speakers

Speech Pathologists

Jane Kitson
Paula Kitzenberg
Valarie Zimmer
Audrey Pierce-Seeley

Jane Kitson aka Mother Goose, is the author of over 350 original songs and fingerplays that have been shared with over 85,000 early childhood professionals in 46 states and Canada. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF MOVEMENT IN THE WORK SHOP WHICH IS FAST PACED AND FUN. She does have a list of supplies needed for the “make and takes”. **See bottom right corner of this page.....**

Paula, Valarie, and Audrey will be presenting on the topic of autism and clinical treatment interventions.....

Paula Kitzenberg is an occupational therapist and is the Director of Therapy Services for Easter Seals. She oversees the pediatric therapy program and staff as well as providing clinical services, including sensory integration therapy. She recently completed training with the PLAY (Play and Language in Autistic Youngsters) Project and is one of only four trained PLAY providers in the state of Montana.

Valarie Zimmer, speech therapist, provides individual as well as group clinical services in the Pediatric Therapy Services program. Her clinical interests include augmentative communication, feeding/swallowing, and autism spectrum disorders. She is part of the interdisciplinary team at Easter Seals.

Audrey Pierce-Seeley is a PLAY Consultant II who offers children's services in the Missoula community and surrounding areas. She has worked in early intervention for over 17 years coordinating community resources and providing school and home based direct instruction for families with young children experiencing developmental delays. She has been chosen as one of the five national sites to participate and recruit families for the National Institute of Health randomized/controlled research moving the PLAY Project toward a widely accepted evidence based intervention.

Audiologists

Tabitha Parent Buck, Au.D.
Dr. Al Yonovitz
Dr. Peter Von Doersten

Tabitha Parent Buck, Au.D. is the Chair of the Department of Audiology for A.T. Still University (ATSU). She developed the online and residential Au.D. programs at ATSU. Her main areas of teaching for online and on-campus courses include neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, embryology, pharmacology and amplification. She has published and presented on many topics.

Dr. Al Yonovitz received his masters and PHD from the University of Connecticut. He has been an associate professor at the University of Texas, a program director at the University of Maine, head of the Ear Health and Education Unit in Australia and worked for the National Acoustics Laboratory (NAL) focusing primarily on hearing in Indigenous Australians. His research focus is on audition, otitis media, speech perception and auditory processing disorders.

Dr. Peter Von Doersten is an otolaryngologist in Missoula. He will be presenting on pediatric cochlear implants, superior canal dehiscence syndrome, sudden sensorineural hearing loss, and otosclerosis.

If you plan to attend Jane Kitson's portion of the program be aware that:

- 1 Wear comfortable clothing as there will be a lot of MOVING involved.
- 2 The workshop will include a “make and take” session where each participant can complete 3-7 projects.
- 3 Supplies you will need include: black sharpie marker, scissors, glue stick, pencil, one pkg colored markers, 35 white paper plates, and 25 manilla or colored file folders.