



Clinician of the Month!



Laura Bartus M.S., CCC-SLP

Laura just celebrated her 3-year anniversary at Let's Talk! She is a full-time SLP with experience assessing and treating children with communication difficulties including expressive-receptive language disorders, articulation/phonological disorders, feeding disorders, fluency disorders, and Autism Spectrum Disorders. She is also our fantastic scheduling coordinator. If you have scheduling questions or concerns please contact her at our office number or her email lbartus@ltspeech.com

Apraxia Kids

In light of Let's Talk hosting the Boston Apraxia walk, it is important to understand the wonderful organization we are all coming together to sponsor/support. "Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit whose mission is to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) so that each child is afforded their best opportunity to develop speech and optimal communication skills. We believe every child deserves a voice" (Apraxia-kids.org 2018). "Apraxia Kids helps children find their voice through education, research and support networks working to improve the systems of support in the lives of children with apraxia and their families." (apraxia-kids.org)

As the leading organization focusing on Childhood Apraxia of Speech, the goals are:

- To increase the understanding, awareness and support for children with CAS.
- To give every child a voice by ensuring they have the opportunity to develop speech and communication skills.
- To facilitate advocacy in local communities for improved services for children affected by the disorder.
- To provide training and educational opportunities for professionals and families.
- To create the largest network of CAS families, medical and speech-language pathologists, online support groups and research experts.
- To encourage and fund research in childhood apraxia of speech and sponsor scientific research meetings.

The Apraxia Kids website has a variety of resources for family, teachers, and professionals. There are online webinars, brochures, and research articles to provide caregivers and professionals the resources to continue their education on Childhood Apraxia of Speech!





Upcoming Events:

The Carousel Cares – Sensory Friendly Event

What: Crescent Park will turn off the organ and keep it off for the entire day. This event was established for those with sensory, auditory and other special-needs challenges as the music played was determined to be too loud for many.

When: August 2nd, 2018 (and every Thursday until September!

Where: 700 Bullocks Point Ave, Riverside, Rhode Island 02915

Home Gym & DIY Equipment for Home Sensory-Motor Activities

What: Parents and occupational therapists will gain information for designing home sensory motor gyms. Hear suggestions on equipment and space needs for sensory gyms and view an array of DIY equipment and activities to support children's sensory and motor functioning.

* Hosted by the SPIRAL Foundation (Sensory Processing Institute of Research and Learning)

When: Saturday, August 11, 2018

6:00pm - 8:00pm EST

Sunday, August 12, 2018

9:00am - 4:00pm EST

Where: Spiral Foundation / OTA The Koomar Center
74 Bridge St. Newton, MA 02458

deCordova Museum Access Day

What: This event is free but RSVP is required. Multi-sensory, universally-designed, and inclusive activities are used to explore art and nature in the Sculpture Park. A day of all-inclusive programming for children and adults featuring a sampling of deCordova's accessible programs, including hands on art-making projects and specially-designed American Sign Language (ASL) Tours and Touch Tours on the Sculpture Park's paved access path.

When: August 15th, 2018 10am-1pm

Where: deCordova's Park and Sculpture Museum

Special Olympics Night at Fenway Park

What: Join Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) to celebrate Special Olympics Night at Fenway Park. All families, friends and athletes are encouraged to come together and celebrate while watching the Boston Red Sox take on the Cleveland Indians. Please keep in mind this is a regularly-priced event that requires a ticket purchase.

When: August 20, 2018 7:10 pm

Where: Fenway Park!

Buttonwood Park Zoo Special-Needs Event

What: This is a registration-only event for families with disabilities to enjoy a private evening and Twilight Tour at the zoo. Have you ever wondered what happens at the zoo after the zookeepers go home? Join Community Autism Resources for the private event on this Twilight Tour find out for yourself.

Tour includes:

Dinner & Dessert

An Interactive Program

Evening Zoo Tour

Campfire & S'mores

Souvenir Flashlight Adventures Patch

When: August 31st, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Buttonwood Park Zoo (425 Hawthorn Street
New Bedford, MA)

From Intention to Action: Developing Executive
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What: For parents, special educators, teachers, SLP's, and professionals. Learn hands-on, advanced treatment techniques to improve Executive Function skills, and new ideas and strategies to help you better assist clients, students, or your own children. This seminar will help you to:

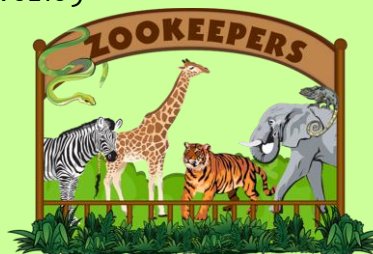
* Gain a stronger understanding and foundation of the executive function skills for immediate use in home, school and clinical settings.

* Go beyond symptom management and improve executive functioning for more independent and 'less stressful' living.

* Gain increased competency as well as many new tools for your 'tool box' including client worksheets and resources.

When: Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Where: Boston Marriott Quincy
1000 Marriott Drive
Quincy, MA 02169



The time is **FINALLY** here!
Boston Walk for Apraxia



Sunday August 5, 2018 @ Braintree High School

Show your support this month by signing up for the annual Walk for Apraxia that is happening this Sunday!!

(Register at the event or online at: www.apraxia-kids.org).

There will be:

- Silent auction prizes (Including Bose Bluetooth Speakers, Red Sox Tickets, and a Razor Scooter!)
- Token Raffle for kids with smaller prizes
- DJ
- Face painting
- Craft area
- Lawn games
- Light refreshments/snacks/popcorn machine
- Draw on General Patch (chalkboard

Thank you for reading our Let's Talk Newsletter! We appreciate your feedback about additional events, resources, advice, and information you may have. In addition, we welcome recommendations about the content of the newsletter.

Please email: nscalera@ltspeech.com with suggestions/comments/concerns.

Paper Plate Fans
thepinterestedparent.com



August Craft

Cool down from this hot summer heat and make one of these colorful and creative fans! Draw a beautiful picture on it or just make it as colorful as you can!

****Reminders****

We are open for the entire month of August. Please advise your clinician if you are on vacation/need to cancel!

Summer speech sessions will end August 31st and Fall schedules begin.

****Please let your clinician know if there will be scheduling changes for summer or Fall!****

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