

CATHERINE GOFF

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Over eight years of professional experience gaining a wide range of knowledge and skills working with various communication conditions in children and adults
- Highly proficient in assessing, treating and advocating for the needs of children, adolescents, adults and seniors with neurocognitive communication disorders (including literacy), motor speech, dysfluency, swallowing and voice disorders resulting from an acquired brain injury (ABI)
- Experienced in providing education and counselling to clients, family members, caregivers and professional colleagues on topics of disordered communication
- Skilled at establishing functional and meaningful intervention plans in collaboration with the client and their treatment team
- Experienced in administering and interpreting clinical standardized assessments and report writing; proficient in interpreting normative and criterion-referenced data
- Works collaboratively and effectively within an interdisciplinary team

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

S.L. Hunter SpeechWorks (August 2023- Present)

Speech Language Pathologist

- Provides client-focused assessment, treatment, and consultation in the pediatric and adult populations in the areas of early intervention, school-age speech and language (including articulation, motor speech, and expressive and receptive language delays), voice, literacy, fluency, cognitive-communication; as well as communication and swallowing difficulties secondary to neurological disorders including stroke, brain injury, and neurodegenerative disease

FunctionAbility Rehabilitation Services (October 2019-August 2023)

Speech Language Pathologist

- Conducted speech-language, literacy, and cognitive-communication assessment and intervention in the community for children, adolescents and adults who have sustained an acquired brain injury
- Completed comprehensive speech, language, literacy, cognitive communication and swallowing assessment reports that are distributed to members of the client's circle of care (e.g., insurance adjuster, lawyer, case manager, multidisciplinary healthcare team)
- Contributed to the development of an Education Policy initiative with the executive leadership team
- Collaborated and liaised with clients' multidisciplinary teams (e.g., occupational therapy, physiotherapy, case manager, lawyer, physician, rehab support worker, dietician, psychologist, social worker) to provide education and ongoing support to clients' and their families
- Consulted with relevant stakeholders (e.g., schools, employers, retirement/long term care homes, colleges/universities) to facilitate appropriate accommodations and support

Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) (January 2018 – September 2019)

Hospital Care Coordinator- Joseph Brant Hospital

- Consulted with patients, their caregivers, and hospital team to establish discharge plans for medically stable patients following their hospital admissions
- Helped families navigate the complex health care system in order to make informed decisions
- Collaborated with unit staff, hospital management and physicians to identify discharge barriers and problems solve these issues with the patient and their family

The Speech Associates (June 2015 – September 2019)

Speech Language Pathologist

- Provided in-home private SLP services to paediatric and adult clients, providing direct intervention for diverse caseload (e.g., early intervention, speech and language delays, literacy, autism, motor speech, stuttering, voice, accent modification).
- Collaborated with members of the multidisciplinary team including BCBA therapists, teachers, school based SLPS and Communication Disorders Assistants

Closing the Gap Healthcare (January 2016– December 2017)

Speech Language Pathologist- School Health Support Services and Community

- Managed a paediatric and adult caseload of referrals from the Mississauga-Halton and the HNHB LHIN
- Exceptionally organized when managing a large caseload of school aged children in a group therapy model through local public health school speech clinics
- Completed timely assessment, interim and discharge reports that were shared with parents (school health team) as well as the LHIN case manager

Waterloo Wellington LHIN (September 2016 – December 2017)

Hospital Care Coordinator- Grand River Hospital, Kitchener (part time)

- Administered capacity evaluations for decision making for admission to Long-Term Care
- Prepared and defended my findings of incapability to make decisions regarding Long-Term Care following appeals on two separate occasions at Consent and Capacity Board hearings; on both occasions my findings were upheld by the board
- Led family meetings and care conferences involving the health care team to establish adequate discharge plans

Halton-Peel Community Aphasia Programs (November 2015 – September 2016)
Speech Language Pathologist- Burlington, Oakville, Brampton.

- Supervised weekly communication therapy groups for adults with aphasia
- Engaged in meaningful, collaborative goal setting with clients, and identified individualized activities and strategies for each client to work toward their goal(s) in the group setting

EDUCATION

University of Limerick 2012-2014
Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology, Distinction

University of Western Ontario 2007-2012
Honours Bachelor of Music Education

- Principle instrument: voice
- Graduated in 2011; took additional year of coursework (2011-12) in health sciences and linguistics

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- It Takes Two to Talk- The Hanen Program for Parents of Children with Language Delays (July 2023)
- Traumatic Brain Injury and Vulnerable Populations; An Important Role for Speech-Language Pathology. Courtesy of the 2022 SAC Speech Language Pathology Virtual Conference (April 29 2022)
- Level 1: Children and Youth with Acquired Brain Injury Training Program through the Ontario Brain Injury Association (November 20-21, 2020)
- Clinical Short Course in Cognitive-Communication Disorders Level 1 (September 2019)
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS): an AAC intervention for children with autism (2018)
- Best Practices in the Identification, Assessment and Treatment of Oropharyngeal Dysphagia; Dr. Catriona Steele (May 4 & 5 2015)
- Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT): for individuals with Parkinson's Disease and other neurological conditions (2014)