Who Are We?

• **RiteCare Clinic** is part of the Speech-Language Pathology Clinic in the Hearing & Speech Department at the University of Kansas Medical Center
• Affiliate of KU HealthPartners, Inc. (KUHP)

**Our Mission**

• Provision of exemplary clinical services
• Provision of exemplary clinical training for MA-SLP graduate students
• Participation in clinical research for intervention in communication disorders
• Community service
Who Are We?

- **RiteCare clinicians**
  - **Debora B. Daniels, Ph.D., Clinic Director**
    - Cleft and craniofacial anomalies, autism, pediatric communication disorders, outreach clinics
  - **Kathy Johnston, M.S.**
    - Pediatric communication disorders, CAS, Autism, children with emotional disturbances
  - **Jeff Searl, Ph.D.**
    - Cleft and craniofacial anomalies
  - **Peggy Waggoner, M.A.**
    - Pediatric communication disorders, CAS
What are We About?

- The **RiteCare** Clinic in the Hearing & Speech Department at KUMC provides speech/language services and support for:
  - Communication disorders in infants/toddlers and preschool/school age children
    - Developmental Delay
    - Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)
    - Intellectual Disability
    - Autism
  - Communication disorders in children who have cleft lip/palate or other craniofacial anomalies
A Glimpse at Your Support of the RiteCare Clinic in 2012

• Total number of RiteCare pediatric clients served in 2012 → 82
  • 19 individual treatment clients
  • 63 evaluations
• Total number of therapy hours supported by Scottish Rite → 216
• Total number of evaluation hours supported Scottish Rite → 94.5
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• Total Scottish Rite financial support for 2012 = $21,870.00!!
  • Fees determined by KUHP (been the same for ~5 years)
    • Evaluation fee = $150.00
      • Total for 2012 = $9450.00
    • Therapy fee = $115/ 1 hour session (Scottish Rite covers $57.50/session and the clinic writes off the other costs to the family)
      • Total for 2012 = $12,420.00
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• Additionally the **NE Kansas Scottish Rite Valley** provided two $1000 scholarships to MA-SLP graduate students
  • Megan Amash
  • Joshua Reynolds
RiteCare Clients

- Children with Pediatric Communication Disorders
  - Deficits in language
  - Deficits in speech sound production
  - Deficits in fluency
  - Deficits in voice
RiteCare Clients

• Children with cleft lip/palates and other craniofacial anomalies
  • Deficits in speech sound production
  • Deficits in resonance
  • Deficits in language/learning
  • Deficits in hearing
RiteCare Clients

- Children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)
  - Severe deficits in speech sound production and limited ability to be understood
  - Deficits in language
  - Deficits in learning, particularly in reading
RiteCare Clients

• Children with Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability
  • Deficits in speech and language skills
  • Deficits in learning
RiteCare Clients

- Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
  - Deficits in Socialization
  - Deficits in Communication
  - Deficits in Learning
  - Deficits in Behavior
What does an Evaluation Look Like?

- Typically a 1.5 – 2 hour visit
- Evaluate all aspects of communication
  - Language
  - Speech
  - Voice
  - Fluency
  - Oral motor production
  - Hearing
What Does Treatment Look Like?

- Typically one-hour sessions, one time per week
- Development of individualized treatment plan
- Ongoing data collection and analysis of client performance
- Parent training
- Parent conferences
- Home programs
What Does Treatment Look Like?

• Many of the children we see have moderate to severe communication disorders
• Children may be eligible for speech-language therapy at school, but often not with the intensity required for rapid progress
• We work collaboratively with school SLPs to set goals and determine therapy objectives to maximize progress
How Are Children Referred to our Clinic?

• Infant Toddler Services (Tiny K)
• Pediatricians, ENTs, & Family Practice physicians
• Parents or other family members
• School Districts
• Local Health Department
• Social Service agencies (e.g., Children with Special Health Care Needs)
How Are Children Referred to our Clinic?

- Clinic Intake → 913-588-5937
- Pediatric Evaluations generally scheduled within 4-6 weeks
- Individual treatment clients see during academic terms (Fall, Spring & Summer)
Questions?

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