



Tell Me About It!



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AUTUMN IS A BUSY TIME AT COMMUNICATION WORKS!

Apraxia Walk



Toni Morehouse & granddaughter, Ivy

It was a great day for a walk! Toni and Ivy represented Communication Works, which was a Bronze sponsor for the Nebraska Walk for Apraxia. They hosted a coloring table, one of many fun activities at the September 7th event at Holmes Lake.

Twelve Apraxia Stars, their families, and friends walked to increase awareness of, and support for childhood apraxia, a severe speech sound disorder.

Lunch 'n Learn



Lindsey Wilson & Aliza Strelau

Lindsey and Aliza joined the professionals at Behavioral Pediatric and Family Therapy Program for a lunch and learn on September 24th. They shared information and answered questions about our services for language disorders, autism, dyslexia, infant swallowing & feeding, oral myofunctional disorders, and social language groups.

Thanks to BPFTP for inviting us. We look forward to collaborating with you!

Relocating!



1550 South 70th Street

Communication Works has exciting news! By January 1, 2020 we will be relocated to 1550 South 70th Street. In the meantime, Hampton Enterprises is totally remodeling the space to our specifications, making the clinic more welcoming, spacious, and functional. Watch for updates!

The new location is just around the corner from 1540 so everyone will feel right at home as they arrive at Lincolnshire Square.

Spotlight on Research

Shared book reading can be a sweet moment between parent and child—while improving a child's literacy skills. This pilot study examined the effects of a 20-minute training on parent-child storybook reading. The training included a short power point, a two-minute video model, and discussion with the parents focusing on: 1) Switching mindset from "education" to gaining insight into the child's thoughts; 2) No such thing as right or wrong; 3) Increasing wait time & conversational turns; 5) Making phonemic awareness fun; and 6) Using open ended prompts: "I wish..." "I think..." "I wonder..." "What do you think?"

After the 20-minute training, researchers saw some encouraging changes, including increases in: 1) the total number of parent-child exchanges; 2) the percentage of open-ended prompts, and 3) the percentage of words spoken by the child. However, eight weeks after training all outcomes showed a dip, indicating clinicians will need to do follow-up with parents.

Nelson, L.H., Stoddard, S.M., Fryer, S.L. & Munoz, K. (2019). Increasing engagement of children who are DHH during parent-child storybook reading. *Communication Disorders Quarterly*. Doi:10.1177/1525740118819662

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Halloween Party!

- For parents of children who are non-talkers, late talkers, or hard-to-understand talkers
- Enjoy conversation and form friendships with other parents
- Make a Trick or Treat bag for your little one who has limited language (\$5 to cover the cost of materials)

Friday, October 25, 2019
7:00-9:00 PM

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~ Ashley Montagu



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