

April Monthly Minutes

Message from CRA:

April is a busy month....State-wide testing, IEP meetings, ESY considerations, Autism Awareness Month, National Occupational Therapy Month, and all those end of the year activities! One critical end-of-year activity is completing progress reports. This is an excellent time to reflect on what progress your students have made or not made and make adjustments in IEP goals or in the instructional strategies and materials you are using. Self-reflection is a critical element in improving your skills as a therapist. If your students aren't making the progress you want, how can you change what you do? If your students are making the progress you want, what has worked and how can you expand on your successes? This is also an excellent time to plan for what you will do in May to promote Better Hearing & Speech Month. We would love for you to share your ideas and pictures! Let's let others know all of the critically important ways we support the students at your schools.

Therapy for your students with ASD

When working with your students with ASD, a great resource is the Social Thinking website found at <https://www.socialthinking.com/>

Some of the free articles you can find posted there include:

**Help Your Kids Become Whole Body Listeners:
Fun Listening Activities**

Elizabeth Sautter, MA CCC-SLP

**All the Zones are OK! Tips for Managing the
Zones You're In**

Leah Kuypers

**Social Thinking's Social Competency Model:
Attend-Interpret-Problem Solve-Respond**
Michelle Garcia Winner, MA CCC-SLP, Founder
of Social Thinking and Pamela Crooke, PhD
CCC-SLP

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Speak Up This Better Hearing & Speech Month

Want a fun and easy way to celebrate BHSM and promote the professions this May? ASHA will again host the Speaking Up For Communication contest. Members who sign up for this free program will receive social media shareables on any (or all) of the four featured topic areas for BHSM 2018: (1) Early Milestones and Signs of Communication Disorders, (2) Hearing Loss in School-Aged Children, (3) Older Americans and Falls, and (4) Swallowing Disorders in Adults. Four \$50 Amazon gift cards will be awarded. [Sign up today!](#)



Kudos to our CRA team walking for Hearing Health!!

For **Autism Awareness Month**, take a look at all the excellent information you can find in the ASHA Practice Portal. I came across this gem that can help you to look at scope and sequence when planning therapy and writing goals. "Sample Intervention Goals Based On Core Challenges In Autism Spectrum Disorder"
It looks at skills at the prelinguistic stages, emerging language stages, and advanced

April is National Occupational Therapy Month!! Hug an OT!!

Go to AOTA.org and check out the article "**Ten Things You Can Do To Celebrate Occupational Therapy Month**"

language stages. The skills addressed are Joint Attention, Social Reciprocity, Language and Related Cognitive Skills, and Behavior and Emotional Regulation. This is a wonderful resource to use as you work with your students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Check it out!

