

Santa Clara County Speech-Language-Hearing Association

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Workshop, Teaching Evidence-Based Vocabulary Intervention Techniques with Catherine Alexander. It was a wonderful time of learning and growing together!

We are excited to announce a new location, Michael's at Shoreline, for our Spring luncheon held this year on Friday, June 1st. We will be continuing to combine our annual luncheon with a 3-hour workshop. Our speaker this year, Virginia Sanchez-Salazar from the Diagnostic Center-Northern California, will be presenting on the important topic of Selective Mutism. As always, we will have our much anticipated annual raffle, Honors of the Association, Student Scholarship, and quality time to connect with one another.

Prior to the Spring Luncheon you will be receiving an email to vote on approving our **bylaw revisions** and our new President and Vice President. Your vote is very important to us. We will approve the bylaws with two thirds of the votes received. We will approve the President and Vice President positions with a majority vote.

It has been a pleasure working with you all this past year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for being a member of SCCSHA. We love seeing you at our events and are glad that you are part of the SCCSHA family. I would also like to thank all of our dedicated board members who volunteer their time to serve this organization and our profession. It's been an honor serving alongside such an amazing group of SLPs.

Please save **October 12th, 2018** as the date for our **Fall Workshop** at the Santa Clara County Office of Education on "Social-Pragmatic Skills: A Team Approach to Intervention" and "Integrating your Therapy into the SDC Classroom: Effective Tools and Techniques (Pre-K through High School)."

Thank you all and see you on June 1st!

Jenn Huntley, M.A., CCC-SLP
SCCSHA President, 2017-2018



LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR SLPs

February 27, 2018

By Ann England M.A., CCC-SLP-L, CSHA District 4 Legislative Liaison

When is CSHA Legislative Day 2018?

May 2, 2018 in Sacramento. Join 30 CSHA members and Bryan Stowe for a day to tell our Legislators how our work is vital!

What is FAPE?

The U.S. Department of Education released a question-and-answer document on December 7, 2017 supporting the unanimous March 2017 U.S. Supreme Court opinion on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)-related case *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District* clarifying the scope of a free appropriate public education (FAPE). To access the FAQ [click here](#).

Can public charter schools deny admission to students with disabilities?

On January 4, 2018 the California Department of Special Education sent out the following regarding special education students and charter schools:

"Federal law and regulation prohibit any public school, including public charter schools, from denying admission to any student on the basis of a disability, or the nature of or extent of a disability. More specifically, a student with disabilities must be afforded the opportunity to participate in a charter school (Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations [34 CFR] Section 104.4[b][1][i]; Section 504, Vocational Rehabilitation Act; Title II, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Government Code Section 11135; California Education Code [EC] Section 220). Further, EC Section 47605[d][1] states a charter school "shall not discriminate against a pupil on the basis of the characteristics listed in [EC] Section 220 [including disability]." "A charter school shall admit all pupils who wish to attend the [charter] school" (EC Section 47605[d][2][A]) except as provided by those provisions related to a public random drawing. Despite the existence or lack of a program for a student with disabilities at a charter school, enrollment may not be denied (34 CFR Section 104.4[b][3]; EC Section 47646[a]). To read the rest of this announcement [click here](#).

Can schools discipline students for 'Liking' offensive, targeted social media posts?

[From Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law Client News Brief December 22, 2017](#)

"A federal district court has ruled that schools may discipline students for "liking" offensive, targeted social media posts.

In *Shen v. Albany Unified School District*, a Northern California district court concluded that a school could discipline students for liking or for writing approving comments on racist and offensive social media posts targeted at other students, even if the posts were created off campus. However, the court also ruled that the school's additional decisions to discipline other students who had simply followed the offensive social media account or had approved of more generally offensive posts not directed at any particular student were violations of those students' free speech rights. The *Shen* case is significant because it is one of the first cases coming out of California addressing a school's ability to discipline students for off-campus expression on social media."

Any bills we should keep a watch on?

AB 2840 Rubio (D) Employment opportunities.

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a 5-year pilot program for the purposes of increasing long-term Other Bills of Interest employment opportunities for young adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The bill would also declare the intent of the Legislature that the pilot program be administered by the California Workforce Development Board and accomplish specified goals. Status: May be heard in committee March 19.

Keep up with CSHA Legislative Advocacy at the [CSHA Advocacy Landing Page](#)!

****SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 1, 2018****

SCCSHA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Assessment and Treatment for Selective Mutism

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CEUs**



Virginia Sanchez-Salazar, M.A., CCC-SLP-L, has been a Speech and Language Specialist with the Diagnostic Center of Northern California for almost 16 years. She regularly evaluates students with Selective Mutism (SM)

and has provided training workshops and projects on "Assessment and Treatment for Selective Mutism" all over Northern California. She also has provided trainings on best practice assessment for African American students, culturally diverse students, and preschool students with ASD. She is currently an autism coach and consultant to the Alameda USD/DCN Autism Project supporting the use of evidence-based practices. Virginia's 50+ year career includes roles as a credentialed special education teacher, mentor teacher, student teacher supervisor, SLP clinical practice supervisor, program specialist, college instructor, USC Medical Center clinical speech pathologist, USC communication department researcher, doctoral student in learning disabilities, and SLP in private practice. She has presented at ASHA and CSHA conventions and was published in the *ASHA Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders*. She was honored by the American Cancer Society, named the Contra Costa County Office of Education Teacher-of-the Year in 2000, chosen Schoolmaster of the Year in 2000, and received the 2014 CSHA Outstanding Achievement Award.

Workshop Description

This presentation will summarize the important elements of assessment and treatment for students with Selective Mutism. Virginia Sanchez-Salazar will include video clips and a handout to support the following learning objectives; participants will:

- ❖ Identify the elements necessary for a "best practices" assessment for a child with Selective Mutism (SM).
- ❖ Identify the steps necessary for completing a behavioral treatment plan based on a student's communicative comfort levels at school, at home and in the community using questionnaires specific to Selective Mutism.
- ❖ Outline a practical behavioral treatment plan for an "example" student with SM including a "Brave Ladder."
- ❖ Examine two complimentary research-based behavior therapy approaches (UCLA & SMART Center) for creating effective exposure/activity assignments while collaborating with school staff and parents, keeping records, and tracking progress.
- ❖ Take away therapy resources (websites, books, trainings) that will assist with matching specific exposures/assignments to each student's level of communicative comfort.



JUNE 1, 2018

SCCSHA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT FOR SELECTIVE MUTISM

Luncheon Schedule

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:05 Selective Mutism Presentation
- 10:15 Break
- 10:25 Presentation Continues
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Honors of the Association, Student Scholarship, and Raffle!
- 2:00 Closing Remarks

We're green! Expect a link to the handouts that you can access online or you can print ahead of time.

Location

**MICHAELS
AT SHORELINE**

2960 N Shoreline Blvd,
Mountain View, CA 94043



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER MIRIAM MORAN

Since this will be my final newsletter as Student Representative, I wanted to thank everyone involved in SCCSHA: the board, the members, and the students. I have learned so much from all of you and I look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Spring Luncheon on June 1st! Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to follow SCCSHA on Facebook! It is a great place to share information and get reminders about workshops and registration.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5/25/2018



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ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND SELECTIVE MUTISM WORKSHOP

JUNE 1, 2018 • 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM • MICHAELS AT SHORELINE
2960 N SHORELINE BLVD, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

Last Name*: _____

First Name*: _____

District/Agency: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone*: _____ E-mail*: _____

*Required

Please circle and enclose the appropriate fees (includes 3 CEUs and lunch option of your choosing)

Professional (SLP, Psychologist, Teacher, etc.)	\$ 75.00
Student.....	\$ 30.00
Retiree.....	\$ 55.00
Scholarship Donation (optional)	\$ _____
PAC Donation (optional) - NOT tax deductible	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

MEAL OPTIONS

Please make a selection:

- Breast of Chicken Florentine
- Broiled Salmon, Lemon Bruere Blanc
- Grilled Vegetable Brochette with Wild Rice

Please register at www.sccsha.org OR send this form and CHECK (made payable to SCCSHA) to: ****online registration is recommended**

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For questions, contact Marian at mbgslp@aol.com or (408) 440-8811

REFUND POLICY: Space is limited so REGISTER EARLY. Reservation and written cancellation must be received no later than **5/25/2018**. Phone calls will not be accepted.