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BACKGROUND

Facility: Orange County Speech Services
 Location: Huntington Beach, CA

At Orange County Speech Services they are committed to provide top quality speech and language therapy, applied behavior analysis, occupational therapy, and physical therapy to their clients, their families and the Southern California medical community.

Speech Therapy: they provide treatment, support and care for children who have difficulties with articulation skills, social language, auditory and reading comprehension, grammar, fluency, and vocal quality. Speech therapist work with children to equip them with effective skills to successfully communicate with others.

Types of Disorders: Speech Therapy

- Articulation
- Fluency
- Receptive
- Expressive
- Language
- Cognitive
- Autism



Benefits of Speech Therapy
 Improves skills that will allow your child to communicate more effectively, either verbal, nonverbal, or with an assistive device.

PURPOSE

At Orange County Speech Services the focus is on therapy for children. The different disciplines are speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and behavioral therapy. The facilities overall goal and objectives is to help children with disabilities become more independent and help them with their specific needs. The goal in speech therapy is to help the child communicate effectively with the people around them whether is be verbal or nonverbal. My overall goal and objectives was to gain more knowledge regarding speech therapy and the different techniques used. I wanted to gain as much knowledge as possible so that one day when I become a speech therapist I will be the best one possible.

ACTIVITIES

#1 Social Skills Groups

- Prepare activities/materials for the social skills
- Participate and explain each activity to the children
- Send work home with parents to practice at home

#2 Preschool Speech Screenings

- Call and organize screenings with local preschools
- Prepare paperwork for each child participating in the screening
- Assist the speech therapist in the screening and take notes

CONCLUSIONS

The impact that this internship had on me was that it made me love the field I am in even more. Getting to work hands on with the children confirmed that I am in the right field. The lesson that I learned during my internship is that it is extremely important to stay organized because as a therapist you see several kids throughout the day and being prepared and staying on time is essential. Doing an internship has many advantages. The greatest advantage for me was getting that direct experience in the field I am going into. The knowledge I have gained is priceless. I did not find any disadvantages regarding my internship or my experience. I am now more familiar with the field and all my experience will carry over into my future career as a speech pathologist.

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