

Vietnam Deaf Education Program

Mobile Mission Team

Charlotte DuCote, PhD, CCC-SLP – (Lead) Dr. Charlotte Ducote is Director, Division of Communicative Disorders, at Ochsner Health System’s main campus in New Orleans, Louisiana. Besides her supervisory responsibilities, Charlotte provides speech-language evaluations and therapy for children and adults with a variety of communication impairments and delays, including hearing loss. Charlotte has served as a speech-language pathologist and a member of Operation Smile’s Speech Pathology Council since 1998. Her work with Operation Smile has included frequent trips to different regions in Vietnam since 1996 to serve on mission teams or as faculty for educational workshops. She and Giang Tang Pham, MA, CCC-SLP, established a website, www.vnspeechtherapy.com in an effort to provide Vietnamese people with more information about communication development and disorders. Charlotte has been honored by the Louisiana and American Speech and Hearing Associations for her efforts with the Speech Therapy Vietnam Project. In addition to her work at Ochsner and as an international volunteer, she serves on the advisory board of Earthspeak, and supports efforts to help people in New Orleans who need assistance.

Jane Madell, PhD CCC-A/SLP, ABA, LSLS Cert AVT -- (Lead) Dr. Jane Madell has been a pediatric audiologist for more than 40 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Emerson College, in Boston, and her Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is licensed in audiology and speech-language pathology in New York and New Jersey. Jane is nationally renowned for her work with young children who have severe and profound hearing loss, selection and management of hearing aids and cochlear implants, evaluation of difficult-to-evaluate children, including children with autism and other developmental disabilities, and evaluation and management of children with auditory processing disorders. Jane has written four books, 17 book chapters, and numerous journal articles. She is a frequent speaker to professional and parent groups.

Judy Simser, O.Ont, B.Ed., Dip. Ed. Deaf, Cert. AVT – (Lead) Judy Simser is an internationally-acclaimed speaker on the education of children with hearing loss and the former director of the Auditory-Verbal Program at the Children's Hospital in Ottawa, Canada. She also worked in Taiwan for six years, where she established two Auditory-Verbal clinics serving over 1,000 families and trained 36 teachers. Judy also spent a year training Auditory-Verbal therapists from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia, and developed an auditory-verbal center at the Singapore General Hospital. She now resides in Ottawa where she continues to serve as an international consultant on childhood hearing loss and is an ambassador for the AG Bell Association. A past president of Auditory-Verbal International and recipient of the AG Bell International Teacher of the Year Award, Judy has been recognized for her contributions to the profession with the Canadian Commemorative Medal and the prestigious Order of Ontario. Judy has contributed to many publications and is the parent of a son with a profound hearing loss who is currently practicing law.

Sharad Govil, MSc, FAAA - Sharad Govil is an Audiologist based in Singapore. He is committed to efforts to train and provide audiological and product education to Audiologists and hearing care professionals throughout Asia. His goal is to improve hearing care for all by raising the level of audiology services in the region. Sharad has over seven years of field experience in some of the best clinical centers in the Asia-Pacific working as pediatric audiologist at National University Hospital in Singapore and at National Audiology Centre in Auckland. He holds a Masters Degree in Audiology & Speech Pathology from University of Mysore, India.

Johnnie Sexton, AuD , CCC-A - Johnnie Sexton has worked with children and adults who are deaf/hard of hearing for 33 years as a teacher, speech therapist and audiologist. In recent years, he has devoted his energy and time to redefining counseling for those with hearing loss and their families and the professionals who serve them. He is the director of the Care Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing hope to families who have children and/or adults with hearing challenges through counseling experiences aimed at the processing of the emotional stages of grief. Johnnie currently resides in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he operates and manages an international consulting practice specializing in pediatric/educational audiology and assistive technology.

Teacher Training Program

Auditory- Verbal Education/ Therapy

Maura Berndsen, MA, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT - (Team Lead) Maura Berndsen is the Educational Director of Listen and Talk, an early intervention program for children with hearing loss in Seattle, Washington. Maura has worked in auditory-oral and auditory-verbal settings since 1990, joining Listen and Talk in 1996. As Educational Director at Listen and Talk, she also provides early intervention, auditory-verbal therapy, and educational consultations. Maura speaks nationally about the subject and has contributed to publications on the topics of auditory-verbal therapy and the development of listening and spoken language in children with all degrees of hearing loss. She is President of the Executive Committee of Option Schools, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to advancing excellence in oral deaf education across the US. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. Maura holds a BA in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University and a MA in Early Childhood Education from the University of Texas, San Antonio. She also holds Listening and Spoken Language Specialists (LSLS) Certification as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist (LSLS Cert. AVT).

Kim Hamren, MA Ed, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT –Over the years Kim Hamren has served as a preschool teacher, Auditory Verbal therapist, and preschool coordinator. She is currently the Early Intervention Specialist and Parent Infant Lead at Listen and Talk. Previously, Kim taught preschool at the Omaha Hearing School for more than 4 years along with some Birth-3 services. She worked for 5 years as a Home-Based Special Educator for Birth-3 services with the Lincoln Public School District where she

worked with families whose children had a variety of special challenges. She provides mentoring services in the First Years Project through the University of North Carolina and has been a co-presenter at Alexander Graham Bell Convention, EHDI Convention and the Washington Infant and Early Childhood Conference. She serves on the board of Washington State's Hands and Voices. Kim earned her Teacher of the Deaf certification and her B.S. in Education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1980 and her M. Ed in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1992. She became a LSLC Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist in 2003.

Janet Fuller, MA Ed – Janet Fuller is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. She has over 20 years experience working with children with hearing loss in early intervention and school settings. She currently works for Sound Beginnings at Utah State University (USU) where she teaches 3 to 5 year olds in a self contained auditory oral preschool. She also supervises graduate students in the Auditory Learning and Spoken Language program. Previously, she worked for Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and the Indiana Department of Education as an Educational Consultant assigned as a state-wide resource for Auditory Learning and Spoken Language for public schools. Janet has also worked at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Indianapolis. While working at SJI-I she helped integrate speech therapy in the classroom as well as create a music program specific to children with early language and listening skills.

Early Intervention

Judith Odendahl MA Ed.; LSLC Cert. AVEEd -- (Team Lead) Judy Odendahl has over 20 years of experience in the field of Deaf Education. She currently works as an Early Intervention therapist at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis utilizing Auditory Verbal and developmental models. Judy previously taught at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children in San Antonio, Central Institute for the Deaf. She supervises graduate students doing practicum work in Early Intervention in Deaf Education and team teaches a graduate class in early child language at Fontbonne University. Fontbonne holds the distinction of offering one of the few Early Intervention in Deaf Education programs in the country. She holds a BA degree in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University, a MA degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Texas, San Antonio, and is a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal education.

Mary Daniels - MA Ed, LSLC Cert. AVEEd. – Mary Daniels is the Director of Education at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf. In this capacity she oversees the educational programming from birth through 8th grade. With over 30 years experience in the education of children with hearing loss, Mary has taught at all grade levels and has presented workshops to parents and professionals. Mary was the past director of the early intervention program in St. Louis and has worked with the St. Joseph Institute programs in Kansas City, Indianapolis, and Champaign, IL. She received her undergraduate degree in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University and holds Master Degrees in Early Childhood Education from Maryville University and in Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University.

Audiology

Martha Harney, M.S., CCC-A - (Team Lead) Martha Harney is an Audiology Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Washington. Her expertise is in Audiological Assessment, Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation. Martha has been employed for 13 years in the University. Martha was employed previously for a decade with Group Health Cooperative providing adult and pediatric diagnostic and amplification services. Martha also previously worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa to provide audiology services to deaf and hard of hearing children, serving within the Kenya Society for Deaf Children. Martha holds her B.A. from San Jose State University and her M.S. in Audiology from the University of Washington. She is a member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology and the Washington Society of Audiology.

Jill Bargones, PhD, CCC-Audiology – Dr. Jill Bargones serves as Communication Specialist for Family Conversations at Seattle Children’s Hospital in Washington State where she provides early intervention services to deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers and their families. She brings the team over 20 years of experience in pediatric audiology and early intervention. Jill holds her doctorate in Auditory Development from the University of Washington. She is a past recipient of the Gatzert Child Welfare Fellowship and the John C. Snidecor Award for Excellence in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Speech Language Pathology

Terra L. Boulse – Archaro, MA, CCC-SLP -- (Team Lead) Terra Boulse- Archaro has 10 years experience working as a speech – language pathologist in the public school system, pediatric hospital setting, and private practice clinics. She also has three years of experience as a clinical supervisor and lecturer at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Washington. Terra spent four years working as a speech – language pathologist in Colorado Springs at the center-based schools for the hearing-impaired and four years at the Bill Daniel’s Center for Children’s Hearing at The Children’s Hospital in Denver as a deaf and hard of hearing specialist. During her time at The Children’s Hospital, she served as an aural rehabilitation therapist on the cochlear implant team and developed an early intervention program for children with hearing loss and their parents. Terra currently works as a speech language pathologist at Seattle Children’s and as a clinical supervisor at the University of Washington. Terra received her Master’s degree in Speech – Language Pathology from Truman State University.

Hillary Ganek, MA, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT – Hillary Ganek is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Auditory-Verbal Therapist at The Listening Center at Johns Hopkins in Maryland where she provides auditory rehabilitation to families with children between 1 and 10 years of age post-cochlear implantation. She holds a BA in linguistics from McGill University and Masters degree in speech-language pathology from Northwestern University. While working at the Cora Barclay Centre, an Auditory-Verbal clinic in South Australia, Hillary was named the 2008 AG Bell International Professional Section Rookie of the Year.

Judy Nguyen, M.A., CCC-SLP – Judy Nguyen has been a speech-language pathologist in the public school setting since 2002. Her Vietnamese background and knowledge of the influential role that first language plays in language acquisition has added value to her service in the multi-cultural and multi-lingual population of the Hacienda La Puente school district in Los Angeles County, California. She received a Teacher of the Year for Special Education recognition in the 2008-2009 school year for her work as an SLP. She has years of experience working with the preschool population in the school district’s Early Intervention program and special education adults (ages 18-22) in the Adult Transition Program ranging from students with multi-cultural/lingual backgrounds, mental retardation, autism, Down syndrome, deaf and hard-of-hearing, dysfluency, apraxia and receptive and expressive language impaired. She holds a Master of Arts from California State University, Fullerton.

Helen Zuganelis, M.S., CCC-SLP – Helen Zuganelis is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in working with children with hearing loss in the Orland, Illinois school district. Her experience spans a variety of settings and roles. She began her career as a clinical research speech-language pathologist and member of the cochlear implant team at the DeVault Otologic Research Lab in Indianapolis, IN. She went on to work on the start up team for the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf -Indianapolis satellite school. During her stay at SJI-I, Helen integrated speech-language therapy for children into the classroom and provided individual therapy. She also functioned as a classroom teacher for a 3-4 year old group and provided home based early intervention. Upon return to her hometown, Chicago, Helen worked at Child’s Voice school on the early intervention team. She expanded her experiences with hearing impaired children as an aural (re)habilitation specialist on the cochlear implant team at Children’s Memorial Hospital. Helen participated in the pilot program for the First Years Certificate in Auditory Learning for Children with Hearing Loss and she is also Hanen certified.