



WSHA



Summer

2004



New Babies! Announcing the birth of Shannon Elaine Draper on April 21st. She was 6lbs. 8oz. and 19in. long. Her proud parents are Caty and Joel Draper. Caty is WSHA Region VI Representative and the Wyoming SEAL.

Lynda Coyle, Region 8 Representative, NSSLHA advisor, and Clinical Director at University of Wyoming has acquired another title: GRANDMA! David Venancio Coyle-Rogers, born May 18th at 2:06 a.m. to Sarah Coyle and David Rogers. David weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches in length. David was born on his great-great Grandfather's 97th birthday!!



In memoriam: Catherine Johnson, speech-language

pathologist who worked for Lincoln Unita Child Development, and her husband died in a private plane crash on May 25th. WSHA extends condolences to family and friends.



UW Corner

Goodbyes and New Faces. Amy Weaver will join the Division of Communication Disorders as a clinical supervisor in audiology in July 2004. She is a previous graduate of this program, and we are delighted to have her back! Rhonda Fleener, who joined us last July will be leaving the state this summer. She has been a tremendous asset to our audiology program and we wish her the very best.

WSHA Scholarships. Three students who will be entering the graduate program in Fall 2004 received scholarships sponsored by the Wyoming Speech and Hearing Association: Megan Lutz (audiology), Melissa Gardner (speech-language pathology), and Susan Cox

(speech-language pathology). Many thanks to WSHA for their support of our students!

Faculty . Two faculty were elected or appointed to national offices during this past year. Dr. Teresa Ukrainetz was appointed as Associate Editor of the Journal of Speech-Language-Hearing Research- the premier research journal within the field. Dr. David Jones was elected as Communications Officer for the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association and as Associate Coordinator of the Speech Science and Orofacial Disorders Special Interest Division of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. He was also reappointed to another three terms on the Board of Directors of the American Cleft Palate Foundation.



Follow-up to Ethical Practices Committee Action

Submitted by Cathy Ross

The Spring newsletter contained a report from the Ethical Practices Committee concerning an issue that was brought to our attention by a WSHA member. This article is a follow-up report based on the action of the committee.

Teachers at Even Start Programs in Wyoming were administering the Preschool Language Scale-4 (PLS-4) as a pre- and post-assessment of literacy skills to preschool children who attend their program. The WSHA Ethical Practices Committee convened to consider our position on this issue as it relates to the use of this instrument to measure literacy progress and what impact there is to our members who work in Developmental Preschools or with kindergarteners. Following a protocol of research, discussion, identification of possible courses of actions and conflicts, the committee agreed to write a letter to Diane Frazer, state director of the Even Start Program for Early Literacy. Our letter was informational regarding the design of the PLS-4 and recommended that the Even Start Program find alternative assessments to measure progress of their students. As a follow-up, I phone Ms. Frazer in late May and asked her if she had taken any action regarding the use of the PLS-4. She stated that due to the impact of the letter from the WSHA Ethical Practices Committee and complaints she

had received from Directors of Child Development Centers, she had instructed the teachers in her program to cease the use of the PLS-4. She stated that they had not yet replaced this instrument with another measure of literacy progress, but they were researching other possibilities. I offered the support of WSHA members who are proficient with the preschool population.

I believe that it is important for our members to know the action and follow-up of the Ethical Practices Committee. If you would like more information regarding this issue, please refer to the article on this subject in the last newsletter which can be found on our website: www.wsha.info or feel free to email me at rossfamily@wyom.net.

Directory Errors

Dear WSHA Members,
Several errors have been discovered after the WSHA directory was printed and mailed. We are working on corrections and will mail an addendum in August. Please email me at rossfamily@wyom.net or phone me at 307-690-7278 if you discover errors such as incorrect information, your name is not included in the directory and you paid 2004 membership or someone else that you know has paid membership and their name is not included. Thanks for your help and patience as we try to make our directory accurate.

Sincerely, Cathy Ross
WSHA President



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Individuals from each state association are planning an outstanding program and special events to provide you opportunities to meet and share with professionals from your neighboring states.

At this time, feature presenters are Nancy Alarcon, of the University of Washington and David Lipscomb of Correct Services, Inc. Both speakers will be presenting more than one session during the Convention. The convention will provide up to 1.6 continuing education credits. Future articles will provide updated presenters and program content.

You can also keep updated by visiting the official website for the IMASH Convention at www.robertcraven.com/IMASH.htm. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, email IMASH at IMASH@robertcraven.com.

Are you interested in presenting at the IMASH Convention? The Program Committee is now accepting Call for Papers. Visit the IMASH website at www.robertcraven.com/IMASH.htm to submit your Call for Papers.

Deadline for submission is September 15, 2004.

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