

eLearnit 2020 Virtual Conference

Navigating Through COVID-19 to Ensure Quality Learning

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Dear Sir / Madame,

We would like to express our thanks in your vital contribution to eLearnit 2020. It has brought robust value to the learning experience. We have received questions from our attendees that were not put forward during the live session. We hope you do not mind answering them so these may be uploaded onto the conference website as additional resource. You may choose not to answer any questions that were already tackled during the live session. Please insert your responses after each question below.

Name of Speaker: Ms. Marwa Habib Al.Nooh / Ms. Laila Adel Al-Dallal

Date and Time of Presentation: 11th June 2020

Title of Presentation: Speech and Language Therapy TELEPRACTICE

Questions:

1. How often do you use telepractice?
2. How efficient?
3. we consider speech therapy different for students from different age groups. How can we improve speech therapy for children with some difficulties?
4. how long is each session for 4 years baby?
5. how would you evaluate the changes in the client on therapy when done virtually?
6. How do you deal with Autistic children who are stimulated by the use of electronics - in the case of telepractice?
7. these disorders in Bahrain or generally?
8. do you think telepractice will encouraged even after the COVID-19?
9. The early problem of speaking- is it hereditary?
10. Do you think that language disorders can increase due to current situation?
11. Do you think telepractice will continue post COVID 19 to encourage parents to employ the techniques and therapy with their children at home?
12. checklists would be a great way, what do you think?

1- How often do you use telepractice?

Well, we don't usually use telepractice in our country "Bahrain" because its easy to reach the speech therapist unlike the big areas some patients have to travel to a speech therapy appointment . But now due this situation the covid 19 pandemic which require social distance our speech therapy sessions tranferred into telepractice

2-How efficient?

Already Ms. Laila Adel Al-Dallal mentioned it during the live session

3- we consider speech therapy different for students from different age groups. How can we improve speech therapy for children with some difficulties?

First, the SLP has to do an assessment for the child, which will include looking at all areas of speech and language development to see which areas the child is delayed in. by comparing the child's performance to developmental norms.

Then, the SLP will choose a few of these problem areas to work on at a time based on which problems are affecting communication the most, or which skills are typically developed the earliest.

4- how long is each session for 4 years baby?

Usually our speech session duration is (30-45)minutes . There are many factors that need to be considered when determining the length of the speech therapy session such as: the child diagnosis – the severity of the speech disorder – readiness of the child and commitment to the therapy sessions. We recommend 2 to 3 times per week with parents training to practice the skills with the child daily.

5- how would you evaluate the changes in the client on therapy when done virtually?

By the live video interaction we can evaluate the session goals and we can ask for video and audio recordings. This question was answered during the question and answer part.

6- How do you deal with Autistic children who are stimulated by the use of electronics - in the case of telepractice?

The use of electronics for children with Autism is fine and casue no harm if it was the choice of parents, rules and guidance should be there all the time for the children to asure success of the

sessions and to guide the child with Autism. If the parents choose to avoid using electronics and screens with their children, then we move to parent training and we guide parents to practice the different communication, language and speech goals with their children.

7- these disorders in Bahrain or generally?

These are the communication disorders that need speech therapy. And they all present in Bahrain.

8- do you think telepractice will be encouraged even after the COVID-19?

Telepractice will always be one of the options to access speech therapy services from home, it will be encouraged for some communication disorders that do not recur actually present by the client, especially adults. Telepractice made consultations and parent training easier and more accessible.

9- The early problem of speaking- is it hereditary?

Answered by Ms Marwa AlNooh

10- Do you think that language disorders can increase due to current situation?

I think this is a good time for Parents who have language delay children since they can help them interact socially in the following ways:

- use technologies interactively: Watch movies together, and discuss them What do you think will happen next? Why did the show end that way?
- It's a chance for family conversation in everyday such as cooking dinner (following a sequence of steps)
- Reading and creativity: art , music , craft and other activities the child may like.

11- Do you think telepractice will continue post COVID 19 to encourage parents to employ the techniques and therapy with their children at home?

Yes, Telepractice is a fast, easy option for parents to access guidance and get trained by their therapists, it will encourage parents to learn new techniques and skills to practice with their children as following up with the therapists is easier online.

12- checklists would be a great way, what do you think?

The question does not explain what chicklists would be great for, so we can't answer this question.