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JANE H. LEBLANC
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JUNE 5-6, 2014

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Stuttering Therapy: Empowering
Children and Adults to Overcome
The Impossible
Marilee Fini, M.A. CCC/SLP is a practicing speech pathologist in Cleveland, OH running her own private practice, MLF Speech Therapy. She has been a professional speaker for the last 14 years presenting all over the U.S. to many diverse audiences. In addition, Marilee works for South University in Cleveland, OH where she teaches public speaking courses. Marilee sheds a unique light on the subject of stuttering since she has spent most of her life dealing with her own stuttering. Throughout her journey, she has faced many situations which she deemed as “IMPOSSIBLE” but was able to overcome them through hard work, dedication and faith. She often applies this theme, “Overcoming the Impossible” when working with clients and other speech pathologists in order to motivate them to achieve their true potential! Recently, she was awarded the “Annie Glenn National Leadership Award - Best Practices in Speech-Language Pathology” given to her by The Ohio State University Department of Speech and Hearing Services in recognition for excellence in leadership in the field. In her workshops, Marilee is known for her lively and enthusiastic spirit that she brings to her speaking that is surely contagious!

Summary:
That’s impossible! How many times have we said or thought this? Treating stuttering often feels impossible. The nature of stuttering causes it to be inconsistent and variable from situation to situation. This workshop presents with a unique twist in that it provides effective strategies for treating stuttering through the eyes of a speech pathologist who stutters. Participants will learn easy, straightforward techniques to address both the physical and emotional components of stuttering for preschoolers, school-age children and adults. The importance of pursuing the impossible in stuttering will be emphasized throughout the seminar through illustrations, video tapes and testimonials. Hands-on activities and discussion groups will also be used in order to increase the learning process.

Call for Panel Members on Thursday, June 5, 2014 3:00-5:00pm
We are looking for several teens and adults who stutter and parents of children who stutter (any age) that would be interested in being part of a panel. This would be an excellent opportunity for your clients to face a feared speaking situation such as public speaking in a very controlled and safe environment. Please contact Marilee Fini by May 14, 2014 if you know any teens, adults or parents that would be interested. Marilee can be contacted by phone at (440) 684-1440 or by e-mail at mlf_speech@yahoo.com. We need your help in making this a success!!!!
Thursday, June 5, 2014
Registration Begins at 7:30am.
8:30-11:30 a.m.
➢ Introduction
➢ Impossible vs. Possible
➢ Understanding Stuttering
➢ The Essentials of an Evaluation
➢ Treatment Techniques for Preschoolers
➢ Treatment Techniques for School-age Children and Adults
Learner Outcomes
Participants will:
➢ Differentiate between normal dysfluencies and stuttering.
➢ Implement effective strategies for building communication skills.
➢ Design treatment plans that address the physical and emotional components in the evaluation and treatment process.

11:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00-3:00 p.m.
➢ Working on Negative Beliefs and Emotions
➢ Role of Counseling
Learner Outcomes
Participants will:
➢ List 4 activities for addressing feelings and emotions in stuttering therapy.
➢ Acquire basic counseling skills in stuttering therapy.

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
➢ Panel Presentation (Teens and adults along with parents of children who stutter share their experience with stuttering)
Learner Outcomes
Participants will:
➢ Identify the pros and cons of traditional therapy through the eyes of those who stutter.
➢ Determine what it is like to have a fluency disorder and communicate in a time pressured environment.
Friday, June 6, 2014
8:00 -10:00 a.m.
➢ Working with Parents
➢ Guidelines for Working with Teens
➢ Case Studies

Learner Outcomes
Participants will:
➢ Identify techniques for working with parents.
➢ Devise techniques for helping teens and adults who stutter with employment issues.

10:00pm-10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30-12:00 p.m.
➢ Helping Our Clients Overcome the Impossible
➢ Exercise: Making the IMPOSSILBE turn POSSIBLE
➢ Questions

Learner Outcomes
Participants will:
➢ Implement concrete strategies for helping clients achieve their true potential in stuttering therapy.

Disclosures:
Financial:
Mrs. Fini owns and operates MLF Speech Therapy, a private practice for speech therapy services.
Nonfinancial: Mrs. Fini is a member of and invited speaker for the National Stuttering Association.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION
The early registration deadline is May 28, 2014. The two-day professional registration fee is $140, and the one day professional registration fee is $75. Student registration is $35 for both days. Parents are invited to attend at the rate of $25.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES LUNCH ON THURSDAY
Onsite Registration only after MAY 28- $150 (2 day), $85 (1 day)

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REGISTRATION FORM
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Address: __________________________________________
Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

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