Is your child with CAS making limited gains in speech therapy? Is their speech still more often unintelligible than not? Are you wondering if the therapy approach being used with them is appropriate for their needs? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then the CAS Summer Intensive Speech Program may be just right for you...

Speech language pathologists Sue Caspari, Jolynn Thomas, Ayesha Ganges and Anne Van Zelst are excited to offer this intensive summer speech program, designed for children with a primary diagnosis of CAS with highly unintelligible speech. Each child accepted into the program will receive individual 1:1 motor-based speech therapy, 2X/day, 5 days/week for 5 weeks. Functional words and phrases will be carefully selected based on the child’s individual speech needs and used as practice vehicles for improving intelligible speech. Collaboration with the child’s current treatment team is recommended so that learning from the intensive sessions can be carried over into the child’s ongoing therapy program.

PROGRAM RUNS FROM JULY 14, 2014 – AUGUST 15, 2014
AND INCLUDES INTENSIVE INDIVIDUAL MOTOR-BASED SPEECH THERAPY, 2X/DAY, 5 DAYS/WEEK, FOR 5 WEEKS.

All children in the program will be seen by all four speech language pathologists. Due to the intensive nature of the treatment, cancelled sessions will not be able to be made up. Appointments will be secured with deposit on a first come, first serve basis, based on meeting criteria for participation. Price: $3750.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SUE CASPARI AT 610-544-7069.
Sue Caspari, MA, CCC/SLP is nationally recognized as a leading practitioner in the area of Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS). She is an ASHA-certified, licensed pediatric speech-language pathologist and certified teacher of the speech and language impaired who has worked extensively with children and adults in a variety of settings including early intervention, private practice, and inpatient and outpatient hospital settings including the Mayo Clinic. Sue has published scholarly articles on CAS, regularly conducts workshops and seminars around the country, and is frequently invited to speak on CAS at national conferences such as the annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America’s (CASANA) annual conference, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s (ASHA) Schools Conference. Sue is a professional advisory board member of CASANA, an associate member of the Academy of Neurologic communication Disorders and Sciences and a member of ASHA’s Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders Special Interest Division.

Jolynn Thomas, MS Ed, CCC/SLP is an ASHA certified, licensed speech-language pathologist and a certified teacher of the speech and language impaired. Selected by the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) to participate in their four-day Intensive Training Program in 2012, Jolynn is now recognized by CASANA for Advanced Training and Clinical Expertise in Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Jolynn is a member of ASHA’s neurophysiology and neurogenic speech and language disorders special interest group. She provides individual speech and language therapy and leads group programs at the Luma Center in Paoli, Pa. Jolynn is an advocate for children and families with CAS and is active in raising awareness in her community.

Ayesha Ganges, MA, CCC/SLP is a Pennsylvania-licensed and ASHA-certified speech language pathologist (SLP). She received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology at Bryn Mawr College in 1995 and her Master’s Degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing from Temple University in 2004, where she was voted to receive NSSLHA Honors by her colleagues. She is Level II PROMPT trained and has had experience working with children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Ayesha became a floortime-trained therapist in 2005 and has been using this model successfully to treat children with Autism Spectrum Disorder over the past few years. She has a small private practice and currently works within the school system focusing upon team building and communication with families, teachers and other therapists about their child’s speech. She believes strongly that each child learns differently and, therefore, the structure of therapy sessions needs to focus on these individual differences.

Anne L. Van Zelst, MA, CCC/SLP is an ASHA certified, licensed pediatric speech-language pathologist and a certified teacher of the speech and language impaired. She holds a Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Temple University and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis from Penn State University. She is a Certified Coach for the Competent Learner Model, a Certified TouchChat Trainer, Level II PROMPT trained and has completed the 8 -week course in Neuro-Developmental Treatment. Anne is honored to have been selected and to have attended the 2011 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Intensive Training Institute at Duquesne University. As a result of completing all requirements, Anne received the title,”CASANA Recognized for Advanced Training & Clinical Expertise in Childhood Apraxia of Speech”. She has presented nationally at the National Autism Conference, The National Conference on Childhood Apraxia of Speech, and at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention.

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