Moving to Family/Child-Centered Intervention:  
Facilitating Language Development in the Context of Everyday Routines, Interactions, & Play  
(3 CE HOURS)

PDH Academy Course #1802

Course Abstract
This course offers a framework for providing Early Intervention (EI) services in speech-language pathology. Applicable to practitioners at all levels of familiarity with EI, it emphasizes a family/child-centered approach to service delivery over the clinical model, discussing ways to empower parents/caregivers throughout the processes of evaluation, assessment, and implementation. Case studies are presented.

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Learning Objectives
By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Identify key principles, goals, and practices of Early Intervention (EI)
- Recall characteristics of coaching
- Recognize methods used to build parent/caregiver competency and capacities
- Recall elements of evaluation and assessment
- Differentiate between routine-based intervention tactics
- Recognize relation-based strategies to facilitate language development
Timed Topic Outline
I. Introduction; Key Principles of Early Intervention (45 minutes)
   - What Are Family/Child-Centered Programs?; What Is Family/Child-Centered Intervention?; What Are Relationship-Based Interactions?; The Natural Environment
II. From the Therapy Room Table to the Family Room Floor and Beyond (5 minutes)
III. Empowering Parents/Caregivers through Coaching (50 minutes)
   - Characteristics of Coaching; Building Parent/Caregiver Competency and Capacities
IV. Identifying Priorities and Routines (30 minutes)
   - Evaluation and Assessment; Implementation
V. Facilitating Language (30 minutes)
   - Strategies for Parents; Language Learning and Play
VI. Conclusion, References, and Exam (20 minutes)

Delivery Method
Correspondence/internet self-study with interactivity, including a provider-graded final exam. To earn continuing education credit for this course, you must achieve a passing score of 80% on the final exam.

Accessibility and/or Special Needs Concerns?
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