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**Personal
Information**

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**Academic
Preparation:**

2019
Assessment and treatment using the SOS approach to feeding

2019
Apraxia Kids National Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2019
Sensory motor approach to apraxia of speech

2018
Apraxia Kids National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

2016
Level 3 Talk Tools Training : Integrating sensory, motor, feeding and speech for evaluation and treatment

2016
Interactive Metronome Self-Study Certification Course

2016 USA
**Childhood Apraxia of Speech of America Convention,
National conference on Childhood Apraxia of Speech, Itasca, Illinois**

2016 PR
Developing Oral-Motor and Feeding Skills in the Down Syndrome Population

2016 PR
A three-part treatment plan for Oral Placement Therapy

2015 PR
Pediatric Dysphagia: Interpreting the MBSS and planning treatment

2015 PR
Adult Dysphagia: Interpreting the MBSS and planning treatment

2015 PR
Solving the puzzle of Autism: Using Tactile Therapy Techniques

2015 PR
Feeding Therapy: A Sensory-Motor Approach

2014	PR	Oral Placement Therapy: Assessment and Program Plan Development
2014	USA	Childhood Apraxia of Speech North America Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
2013	USA	Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol Instructional Training Childhood Apraxia of Speech Training
2012	USA	DIR® 201 Promoting Basic Functional Emotional Developmental Capacities
2012	PR	Course: Introduction to PROMPT
2011		Course: The Use of Melodic Intonation Therapy with Childhood Apraxia of Speech
		Seminars in Oral-Motor Therapy
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muscle-Based Approach to Apraxia of Speech in Children ▪ Straws as Therapy Tools ▪ Horns as Therapy Tools ▪ Bubbles as Therapy Tools
2010	USA	Mastery Certification of the Basic Course on the DIR / Floortime Model
2007	USA	Hanen Certified Speech & Language Pathologist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More Than Words Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Hanen Program to train parents of children in the autism spectrum to improve the communication and social skill of their children
2007	USA	Hanen Certified Speech & Language Pathologist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It Takes Two To Talk Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Hanen Program to train parents of young children who have language delay.
2004	USA	Tomatis Method Certified Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certified via a course given by the Tomatis Development Co. of Luxembourg, Europe. The course was given by Valerie

Dejean at the Spectrum Center, Bethesda, MD, USA and by Jary Locker audiologist and speech and language pathologist.

2003
USA

Listening Fitness Training

- Certified by Paul Madaule, Phd., who worked directly for almost 25 years with Dr. Alfred Tomatis, to develop and provide a Listening Stimulation Program.

2000
USA

Feeding and Pre-Speech Issues – offered by Susan Evans

- Post Graduate Seminar taken in Massachusetts, USA

Oral Motor Assessment & Intervention, Beckman Protocol

- Post Graduate Seminar taken in Virginia, USA

1993
USA

Miofunctional Therapy and the Deviate Swallow offered by Daniel Galiner

- The Institute of Miofunctional Therapy, Coral Gables, FL, USA

1981

Puerto Rico

Speech and Language Pathology, MS

- Medical Science Campus, University of Puerto Rico

1979

Puerto Rico

Bachelor Degree in Arts

- Magna Cum Laude, Cayey Campus, University of Puerto Rico

Speaker Experiences:

2016

National Conference

Itasca, Illinois

- Speaker at the Childhood Apraxia of Speech of America

Convention, ¿Me entiendes? Helping Spanish speaking children with CAS

2010

International Conference

Dublin Ireland

- Main Speaker at the Conference: Unlocking Speech and Language through Listening.

2009

International Convention of Tomatis

Dublin Ireland

- Speaker at the International Convention of Tomatis Method Consultants presenting the results of the research directed by her:

“The Tomatis Method Benefits in autistic children with ecolalic speech”

2007

International Convention of Tomatis

México

- Speaker in Mexico at the International Convention of Tomatis Method Consultants. “A screening Test to assess pre-linguistic skills”
- 2006 **Costa Rica Tomatis Center** Costa Rica
 - Conference and consultant in the Costa Rica Tomatis Center.
“Auditory therapy and its impact in learning skills”
- 2009 **Puerto Rico Speech and Language Professionals Association** Puerto Rico
 - Speaker at the annual convention of the speech and language association of Puerto Rico (OPPHLA).
“How to use music for language development”
- 2007 **“How to develop speech clarity to throw jaw Stability”**
- 2008 **“Visualizing techniques of Lindamood-Bell Program to develop reading comprehension”**
- 1999 **Oral Motor Seminar** Puerto Rico
 - Presentation of an Oral Motor Seminar sponsored by the association of Puerto Rico and the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez.
- 1986 **NY Board of Education** USA
 - New York Board of Education –Speech and Language Consultant for the bilingual program. Development of an evaluation protocol for hispanic speech and language pathologists.
- 1981-1982 **Department of Education** Puerto Rico
 - Evaluation, diagnostic and treatment of speech and language disorders.

Work Experiences:

- 2014 **Instituto Fonemi de Puerto Rico** Puerto Rico
 - Clinical Director and Founder
- 2013 **Childhood Apraxia of Speech and Oral Motor Disorders Clinic** Puerto Rico
 - Clinical Director and Founder
- 2009-2011 **Academia Girasol** Puerto Rico
 - A pre-school-therapy program for autistic non verbal children to lead them to communication.

2004-2011 **Centro Tomatis de Puerto Rico** Puerto Rico

- Clinical Director and Founder

1982-2004 **Private Practice** Puerto Rico

- Evaluation, diagnostic and therapy of children and adolescents with speech and language problems, professional seminars, orientation and conferences to parents, teachers and other professionals.
- Oral – Motor Consultant

American Speech – Language Hearing Association (ASHA)

Professional Organizations:

License:

- Professional license number 25 to work as a Speech and Language Pathologist in Puerto Rico
- Certified of Clinical Competence (CCC) given by The American Speech Language and Hearing Association
- Certified as a Tomatis Method Consultant

Accomplishments:

2006 Selected as one of the distinguished women of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2005 Development of a Protocol to treat children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

2002-2017 Author of diverse articles in our main circulation newspapers and magazines.

1985-1986 President of the Speech and Language Association of Puerto Rico. (OPPHLA)

1983-1986 President of the Publication Committee of the Speech-Language and Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.

Author of several articles published in OPPHLA, professional journal of the Speech-Language and Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.

1982 Certificate of Clinical Competence American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).

1979 Award for the best student in Arts and Social Sciences.

Award to the best student of the 1979 class.

Recognitions given during the University of Puerto Rico graduation acts.

1981 Outstanding student in the internship, recognition given by

the Speech-Language Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.

1978 Honor Roll: University of Puerto Rico

1978 National Dean's List