

Families Need Families

An Event for Families with Children with Hearing Loss

Saturday, November 10, 2018
45 Round Hill Road, Northampton, MA

Faculty Biographies



Janice Gatty, EdD has degrees in Education, Education of the Deaf, and a Doctorate in Human Development. She had worked with Families of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children from ages 0 to 17 years, in specialized and inclusive educational settings, at the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech since 1974. Currently, she is the Director of Child & Family Services at Clarke where she continues to do face-to-face and virtual intervention with families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. She is on the faculty at Smith College where she teaches courses in child & adolescent development, counseling theory & education, development of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, and family-centered practice. With Arthur Boothroyd, she is the co-author *The Deaf Child in a Hearing Family: Nurturing Development*.



Dr. Joni Alberg, PhD has nearly 40 years' experience in the field of special education, 20 of them focused on children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Joni has been a classroom teacher, state agency administrator, researcher, nonprofit executive director, lobbyist and consultant. For more than 15 years she served as executive director of BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, a nonprofit agency in NC. In 2014 Joni joined the Oberkotter Foundation as Family Engagement and Outreach Officer, helping to "build" what is now Hearing First. In 2016, Joni established Yale Alberg & Associates, a consulting practice providing research, technical assistance and information to agencies that provide services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Currently, Joni serves as Public Policy Consultant for the Alexander Graham Bell Association and as CI Consultant to Duke helping them establish a pediatric cochlear implant program. Joni lives in Raleigh, NC with her husband Jarles and Simon, the cat.



Dr. Carrie Spangler, AuD, CCC-A lead educational audiologist, has over 18 years of experience as a professional in the field of audiology and has a lifetime of personal experience living successfully with hearing loss. Carrie is the 2012 recipient of a national award, the Cheryl DeConde-Johnson Award for Best Practices in Educational/Pediatric Audiology. She has presented locally, nationally, and internationally on topics related to educational and pediatric audiology. She has publications in peer reviewed journals and has co-authored 3 chapters.

Currently employed at Summit Educational Service Center, Ohio where she provides educational audiology outreach services. Her areas of interest include educational audiology for all students with hearing loss, teens and support groups, advocacy, and humanitarian audiology. Dr. Spangler initiated the TALK (Teaching Auditory Learning in Kids) listening and spoken language preschool program in Summit County. She also created the Hit It! program (Hearing Impaired Teens Interacting Together) which is a support group for teens with hearing loss. She currently serves as a Governor appointed audiology board member and secretary for the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board.

Claire Troiano, MED Director of Clarke Mainstream Center, Northampton, MA

Marian Hartblay, MAT, MED Director of Early Childhood Programs, Clarke Northampton.

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