

Area: Professional Concerns
Subject: Community Relations
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POLICY

It is the policy of the clinical service programs of the Department of Communication Disorders (Center for Communication Disorders, Access Network, Southern Connecticut Audiology Services) to be involved in community education projects relating to communication disorders

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the clinical service programs of the Department of Communication Disorders fulfills its commitment to the welfare of people with communication disorders through outreach and information programs as well as through direct service.

PROCEDURES

1. Clinical service program staff are supported in their efforts to cooperate with the faculty and students of the Department of Communication Disorders in projects that will enhance the public's understanding of the problems and needs of people with communication impairments
 - a. Clinical service program staff are supported in their efforts to participate in professional conferences designated for other professionals, lay persons, parents, and family members.
 - b. Clinical service program staff are supported in their efforts to make formal presentations on topics concerned with needs of people with communication disorders for media, service organizations, and professional meetings.
2. The clinical service programs will publicize their services through correspondence, brochures, and media releases.
3. The clinical service programs will maintain a collection of public information materials on communication disorders
4. The clinical service programs will seek input from community organizations and agencies concerning program and service needs, and request suggestions for changes in existing services, through phone contacts, correspondence, and meetings.