

Exciting News!!

Starting on June 1, 2016, Lear Communication will be owned by long time staff member Jennifer Horton! The Waterloo office has been sold to another long time staff member, Julie Venhuizen, and will be renamed to Sound Expression on May 1, 2016.

If you have not had the pleasure of working directly with Jennifer, here is a short bio:

Jennifer Horton has been a registered speech-language pathologist since 2000. She studied at the University of Western Ontario and completed her undergraduate degree at Brock University. Jennifer obtained her Master's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Jennifer has worked in both the public and private sectors for the last 16 years. She has been with Lear Communication as a speech pathologist and clinical manager for 8 years. Jennifer maintains a busy caseload treating children who struggle to speak, read, learn or interact socially but she is perhaps best known for her work with clients who have aphasia, complex swallowing difficulties as well as her extensive work with teens and adults with catastrophic brain injuries. Jennifer has been involved in various community projects such as the annual Head for the Hills Corporate Trail Run fundraiser for the Brain Injury Association of Niagara, she has supported the ABI survivors who authored the Trillium-funded book "Winds of Change," and is part of a group of professionals who have recently advocated for a Club House for Brain injury in the Niagara Region. Jennifer was a guest speaker at the BIAN conference in 2010 presenting as part of an expert panel on "What makes a team work?" and was also a guest speaker with a panel of professionals at the 2011 Annual Back to School Conference sponsored by Thomson, Rogers in collaboration with the Toronto ABI Network. Last year, Jennifer had the opportunity to testify in court for a complex brain injury trial. Jennifer brings to the table a clinician at heart who is known to be highly skilled, compassionate and a strong advocate for her clients, measuring her success by the functional gains and happiness expressed by those who work with her.

We are excited to watch Lear Communication's ongoing success under the leadership of Jennifer. Justine will be available to support Jennifer as she embarks on this exciting new journey. **All referral and contact information remains unchanged.** The Hamilton and Niagara offices will continue to have the **same talented staff members who include: Amy O'Connell, Tonya Lambert, Jaylene Martinow, Amber Wiggins & Kerry Baird.** Jennifer will continue to practice clinically as well. **Really, it is business as usual from the outside looking in 😊**

We therefore hope that this will be a seamless transition for all of our clients and colleagues! But if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact either Jennifer or Justine at 905-667-1441 or 877-388-3819.

Please join us in wishing Jennifer and the Lear Communication staff continued success!!

Justine Hamilton

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