Introduction to Telepractice for Speech-Language Pathologists
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Telepractice involves delivering clinical services when the clinician and client are not physically present in the same location. Since 2007, speech-language therapy has been available via telepractice through the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic. Nationally, telepractice is being widely utilized to bring a variety of therapeutic interventions to individuals in both rural and urban populations. This session will demonstrate and discuss the basics of telepractice, ethical and legal considerations, and pros and cons of interest to clinicians.

Learner Objectives
As a result of this Continuing Education Activity, participants will be able to:
1. Define “telehealth” and “telepractice” and explain how telepractice is addressed in the ASHA Code of Ethics.
2. Give examples of how telepractice is being used to provide speech-language services to 1) school children and 2) home healthcare recipients/adults in various settings
3. Discuss at least 3 of the pros and cons of telepractice that clinicians need to know.

Session Overview
3:15 Introductions & examples of telepractice in action - why is this going viral?
3:30 Definitions and ASHA guidelines
3:45 More real examples with children and adults
4:00 Models and components of telepractice - how are people doing this?
4:15 Do’s and don’ts - tips and regulations to know
4:45 Barriers and concerns (how do things go wrong?)
5:00 Questions and discussion

Resources

Providing Audiology and SLP Services at a Distance, ASHA (March 2015)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgxH69CqPbM
Waldo General Hospital, Belfast Maine: outpatient therapy with young children
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sz1siw7f6sl (2011)
Shari Robertson, Ph.D., PresenceTelecare.com
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= -s7LGujKhs

Popular Software Interfaces for Private and Agency-based Telepractice

Vidyo  http://www.vidyo.com/
Go To Meeting  http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/
Zoom  https://www.zoom.us/

Training and support for starting telepractice services
(gathered from ASHA SIG 18 online discussion boards)
1. ASHA : TelePractice: Providing Professional Services Remotely -
2. www.homeceuconnections.com: Start Your Telepractice Now!
https://www.homeceuconnection.com/courses/profession/7/state/2
5. TeleMental Health Institute: some courses may be helpful http://store.telehealth.org
6. Training from Waldo General Hospital, Belfast Maine http://www.mainespeechtherapy.org

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