

SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO
University of Colorado Boulder, SLHC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

In 2020, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (SRF) helped 15 children receive therapy at the RiteCare Center at the University of Colorado Boulder at an average cost per child of \$700.21. This also includes the education of 4 parents on using home supports with their child to reinforce early childhood language development, speech, and literacy in the home. One Community Benefit Grant was funded for summer 2020, and despite the CU Boulder campus requirement to do all remotely, the social communication group, Reptile Rendezvous, adapted the program well to telepractice. The children loved the final visit with live reptiles via their Zoom session!

Program	Number Served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
Therapy, Individual	7	\$4,678.50	\$668.36
Therapy Group*	8	\$5,824.64	\$ 728.08
TOTAL	15	\$10503.14	\$700.21

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We continue to offer a variety of individual and group programs supporting children and their families, ages 0 – 18, who have identified speech, language, fluency, and literacy needs. SLHC provides inclusive groups to 18 mo. to 5-year-old children through CLC toddler and preschool groups, utilizing TS Gold to measure progress. Our most popular programs at SLHC continue to be after-school programs to target speech, language, and literacy needs of school-aged children, including: WriteOn, Reading Detectives, and of course individual treatment targeting all SLP need areas including fluency, AAC and aural rehab. Reading Detectives and WriteOn target dyslexia and dysgraphia, typically not well supported in schools. Additionally, SLHC continues its partnership with Boulder County Head Start and has provided speech, language and hearing screenings to all the children and SLP services within the classroom. We have focused our resources on bilingual family and child support, with parent education being a large part of the HeadStart service provided by SLHC.

ACCOUNTABILITY

During 2020, Scottish Rite REDCap reporting responsibilities were shifted to the CU Boulder Director of SLP Clinical Education, Alison Lemke. Process improvement areas were identified, including the need to provide enhanced communications to CU Boulder Clinical Faculty members regarding appropriate data for submission to the system. More timely communication from SLHC clinic staff to Ms. Lemke regarding clients who are likely to receive SR scholarship funding was identified, so that Clinical Faculty can be informed and can initiate responsibility for ensuring that appropriate outcomes data is collected. Both of these issues have been addressed and are expected to result in improved data collection going forward. During 2020, data was submitted for 12/15 clients, meeting the benchmark for reporting on 80% of clients. Of these, just two clients had pre-and post- measures submitted. This was due to either not receiving clinic services for a long enough time period to be eligible for post- measure reporting because of discharge from services or because the timeframe for requiring reporting had not yet elapsed for ongoing clients. For 1 client reported (CUB02), two outcome measures showed change indicative of progress. For the other client reported (CUB04), one measure was unchanged, and the other indicated a decrease in performance. Data taken on specific measures at intervals may not reflect overall client progress. However, follow-up discussion about this case and choice of measures for reporting progress is planned. I hope this report is satisfactory, and I look forward to your feedback if you would like additional or different information in future reports.

LEADERSHIP

Our Department remains highly ranked as a top program in Speech, Language Pathology. Our clinical, research, and translational work is highlighted by our faculty members' and students' participation in presentations at national and international conferences, including the American Speech Language Hearing Association's annual convention. Jack Damico, PhD, continues to bring great leadership and new ideas working closely with Alison Lemke, MA, MPA, CCC-SLP, CBIS, the



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RiteCare Program Director. Together they bring new ideas and insights to the Department and clinic.

Three students from our Department were proud recipients of the Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Student Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology. This prestigious scholarship provides the foundation for the dedication of their careers to serving children with speech and language disorders in Colorado.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Colorado Boulder's Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic and Department, our graduate students, and the children and families in Boulder County whom SRF supports sincerely appreciate the Scottish Rite Foundation's generosity. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Lemke
RiteCare Program Director