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**Personal  
Information**

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**Academic  
Preparation:**

2022  
**National Conference Of Childhood Apraxia Of Speech**

2022  
**Virtual – Tomatis Summit online from Luxembourg**

2022  
**The Exceptional Child: Empowered! Experts conference – Virtual from USA**  
**International Congress of Phonoaudiology, Logopedia and Language Therapy - Virtual from South America**

2021  
**Improving Speech and Feeding for Children with Down Syndrome - Virtual**

**National Conference Of Childhood Apraxia Of Speech - Virtual**

2019 Pittsburgh, PA  
**National Conference Of Childhood Apraxia Of Speech When Children Won't Eat SOS Approach Feeding**

2018 South Carolina  
**National Conference Of Childhood Apraxia Of Speech**

2016  
**Interactive Metronome Self-Study Certification Course**

2016  
**Certified as Talk Tools level 3 expert**

2016 PR  
**Developing Oral-Motor and Feeding Skills in the Down Syndrome Population**

2016 PR  
**A three-part treatment plan for Oral Placement Therapy**

2015 PR

**Pediatric Dysphagia: Interpreting the MBSS and planning treatment**

2015 PR

**Adult Dysphagia: Interpreting the MBSS and planning treatment**

2015 PR

**Solving the puzzle of Autism: Using Tactile Therapy Techniques**

2015 PR

**Feeding Therapy: A Sensory-Motor Approach**

2014 PR

**Oral Placement Therapy: Assessment and Program Plan Development**

2014 USA

**Childhood Apraxia of Speech North America Convention, Nashville, Tennessee**

2013 USA

**Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol Instructional Training Childhood Apraxia of Speech Training**

2012 USA

**DIR 201 Promoting Basic Functional Emotional Developmental Capacities**

2012 PR

**Course: Introduction to PROMPT**

2011

**Course: The Use of Melodic Intonation Therapy with Childhood Apraxia of Speech**

**Seminars in Oral-Motor Therapy**

- Muscle-Based Approach to Apraxia of Speech in Children
- Straws as Therapy Tools
- Horns as Therapy Tools
- Bubbles as Therapy Tools

2010 USA

**Mastery Certification of the Basic Course on the DIR / Floortime Model**

2007 USA

**Hanen Certified Speech & Language Pathologist**

- More Than Words Program

A Hanen Program to train parents of children in the autism spectrum to improve the communication and social skill of their children

2007

USA

### **Hanen Certified Speech & Language Pathologist**

- It Takes Two To Talk Program

A Hanen Program to train parents of young children who have language delay.

2004

USA

### **Tomatis Method Certified Consultant**

- Certified via a course given by the Tomatis Development Co. of Luxembourg, Europe. The course was given by Valerie Dejean at the Spectrum Center, Bethesda, MD, USA and by Jary Locker audiologist and speech and language pathologist.

2003

USA

### **Listening Fitness Training**

- Certified by Paul Madaule, Phd., who worked directly for almost 25 years with Dr. Alfred Tomatis, to develop and provide a Listening Stimulation Program.

2000

USA

### **Feeding and Pre-Speech Issues – offered by Susan Evans**

- Post Graduate Seminar taken in Massachusetts, USA

### **Oral Motor Assessment & Intervention, Beckman Protocol**

- Post Graduate Seminar taken in Virginia, USA

1993

USA

### **Miofunctional Therapy and the Deviate Swallow offered by Daniel Garliner**

- The Institute of Miofunctional Therapy, Coral Gables, FL, USA

1981

Rico

Puerto

### **Speech and Language Pathology, MS**

- Medical Science Campus, University of Puerto Rico

1979  
Rico

Puerto

**Bachelor Degree in Arts**

- Magna Cum Laude, Cayey Campus, University of Puerto Rico

**Speaker  
Experiences:**

2016      **National Conference Of Childhood Apraxia Of  
Speech**

Itasca, IL

- Speaker: ¿Me entiendes? Helping Spanish Children with CAS

2011      **Tomatis International Conference**  
Panamá

- Presentation of results of research made by University of Puerto Rico graduated students: Tomatis auditory therapy in children with autism.

2010      International Conference      Dublin Ireland

- Main Speaker at the Conference: Unlocking Speech and Language through Listening.

2009      International Convention of Tomatis      Dublin Ireland

- Speaker at the International Convention of Tomatis Method Consultants presenting the results of the research directed by her:

“The Tomatis Method Benefits in autistic children with ecolalic speech”

2007      International Convention of Tomatis      México

- Speaker in Mexico at the International Convention of Tomatis Method Consultants. “A screening Test to assess pre-linguistic skills”

2006      **Costa Rica Tomatis Center**      Costa Rica

- Conference and consultant in the Costa Rica Tomatis Center.

“Auditory therapy and its impact in learning skills”

2009      **Puerto Rico Speech and Language Professionals  
Association**      Puerto Rico

- Speaker at the annual convention of the speech and language association of Puerto Rico (OPPHLA).  
“How to use music for language development”

2007 **“How to develop speech clarity to throw  
jaw Stability”**

2008 **“Visualizing techniques of  
Lindamood-Bell Program to develop reading  
comprehension”**

1999 **Oral Motor Seminar** Puerto Rico

- Presentation of an Oral Motor Seminar sponsored by the association of Puerto Rico and the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez.

1986 **NY Board of Education  
USA**

- New York Board of Education –Speech and Language Consultant for the bilingual program. Development of an evaluation protocol for hispanic speech and language pathologists.

1981-1982 **Department of Education** Puerto Rico

- Evaluation, diagnostic and treatment of speech and language disorders.

## **Work Experiences:**

2014 **Instituto Fonemi de Puerto Rico**  
Puerto Rico

- Clinical Director and Founder

2014 **Academia Fonemi**  
Puerto Rico

- Clinical Director and Founder

2013 **Childhood Apraxia of Speech and Oral Motor  
Disorders Clinic**  
Puerto Rico

- Clinical Director and Founder

2009-2011 **Academia Girasol**  
Puerto Rico

- A preschool therapy program for non-verbal children with autism to lead them to communication.

2004-2011 **Centro Tomatis de Puerto Rico**  
Puerto Rico

- Clinical Director and Founder

**Professional Organizations:**

1982-2004 **Private Practice** Puerto Rico

- Evaluation, diagnostic and therapy of children and adolescents with speech and language problems, professional seminars, orientation and conferences to parents, teachers and other professionals.
- Oral – Motor Consultant

American Speech – Language Hearing Association (ASHA)

**License:**

- Certified to give treatment with the Interactive Metronome
- Professional license number 25 to work as a Speech and Language Pathologist in Puerto Rico
- Certified of Clinical Competence (CCC) given by The American Speech Language and Hearing Association
- Certified as a Tomatis Method Consultant

**Accomplishments:**

2006 Selected as one of the distinguished women of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2005 Development of a Protocol to treat children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

2002 until Present Author of multiple articles in Puerto Rico main newspapers and magazines.

2002 until Present shows as an expert in children with developmental disorders and special education.

- 1985-1986 President of the Speech and Language Association of Puerto Rico. (OPPHLA)
- 1983-1986 President of the Publication Committee of the Speech-Language and Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.
- Author of several articles published in OPPHLA, professional journal of the Speech-Language and Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.
- 1982 Certificate of Clinical Competence American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).
- 1981 Outstanding student in the internship, recognition given by the Speech-Language Hearing Association of Puerto Rico.
- 1979 Award for the best student in Arts and Social Sciences.  
Award to the best student of the 1979 class.  
Recognitions given during the University of Puerto Rico graduation acts.
- 1978 Honor Roll: University of Puerto Rico
- 1978 National Dean's List