



colorado speech•language•hearing association

What has CSHA done lately?

Where do membership dollars go? Maintaining a strong CSHA office helps us advocate for members and the patients and families. Member dues support:

- ~ Our website
- ~ A CSHA Administrative Assistant who is available to answer your questions, direct consumers to experts, and disseminates the newsletter, email communications, and much, much more!
- ~ Continuing education, the Job Fair, special interest groups, and networking events
- ~ Telecommunication of conferences across the state
- ~ Representation at the State Capital **PRICELESS!!**

In the past year, the CSHA board members have:

~ Represented members on state-wide committees and groups:

- o Colorado Medicaid Collaborative (recent issues: SLP services coverage, Neuromuscular Electronic Stimulation, and coverage for AAC devices)
- o Colorado Department of Education Speech-Language Advisory Council
- o COCAP – Colorado Coalition for Autism Professionals (including work to pass & provide interpretation of the HIMAT legislation: Health Insurance Mandated Autism Treatment)

~ Represented Colorado professionals on national committees:

- o State Advocates for Reimbursement (STARS) – Medicaid & 3rd party payers
- o State Education Advocacy Leaders (SEAL)
- o Council for State Association Presidents (CSAP)

~ Advocated for our professions and patients at the state capital:

- o Testified before the State Healthcare Committee to support a bill that would provide tuition reimbursement for providers in underserved areas
- o Met with members of the legislature to discuss licensure and educate them on important topics in the field
- o Wrote letters of support for re-authorization of the Audiology Licensure law
- o Supported legislation for the *Sports Concussion Bill* which since became law

~ Organized conferences with nationally known speakers and local experts to provide quality continuing education to Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

- o 2011 – October 6-8: Inter Mountain Area Speech & Hearing Convention (IMASH) – CSHA is an active planning member of this conference with nationally known and local experts – Go to the CSHA website for details!
- o 2011 – Spring Conference – Apraxia of Speech, David Hammer, master clinician!
- o 2010's CSHA Convention offered 4 tracks: Birth-5 (Louis Rossetti); School-aged, Adult (neurology), and Audiology/DHH (Cochlear Implant)
- o Established special interest groups for topics including pediatric dysphagia, private practice and cleft palate.

~ Increased our community involvement and visibility as caring professionals:

- o Colorado March of Dimes Walk, April 30th – Teams walked in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Grand Junction & Greeley!
- o CSHA day at the Ball Park – August 1st - 45 CSHA attendees met at a Rockies game
- o Susan G. Komen Denver Race for the Cure – Oct. 2 - Join the CSHA Team! www.komendenver.org/goto/CSHA
- o And much more!

Join CSHA Now!! It's more important than ever!

Why? With your membership WE CAN:

- MAINTAIN our representation at the State Capital with a paid lobbyist
- INCREASE our advocacy efforts at State and Federal levels
- IMPROVE our website, social media and email updates of important information
- EXPAND conference sites and teleconferencing to provide CE events around the state

Look inside to see what we've done this year and consider joining CSHA now to help us continue these efforts!!

*Join today and your membership is good until
Feb 29, 2013!!*

To become a CSHA member visit our website www.cshassoc.org