

Area: Program Services  
Subject: Supervision of Clinical Activities  
Policy No.: 220

### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the clinical service programs of the Department of Communication Disorders (Center for Communication Disorders, Access Network, Southern Connecticut Audiology Services) that all services will be performed by, or under the direct supervision of, an appropriately ASHA certified and state licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, and that an appropriately certified staff person will be on Center premises at all times that speech-language pathology or audiology services are being provided.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all evaluation and treatment services delivered through the clinical service programs of the Department of Communication Disorders are provided under the direction of a certified, licensed professional who assumes responsibility for assigned cases, in order to provide quality services to all Center clients.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. At the time of the client's initial clinical contact with a clinical service program, the certified clinical instructor responsible for the case, and the student clinician assigned to the case, will identify themselves as such to the client.
2. The Clinical Director will ensure that hours of clinical program operation are covered by at least one appropriately certified speech-language pathologist or audiologist.
3. In cases of their absence, certified clinical instructors will provide for coverage of their cases by another certified Center staff member. If such coverage cannot be arranged, the client's appointment will be cancelled.
4. Speech-language pathologists may provide audiological services for screening purposes only; Center audiologists may provide speech-language services for screening purposes only. Clients requiring further services in either area as determined by screening, will be referred to the appropriate staff members for the service.
5. Center clinical supervisors will supervise student clinicians in accordance with guidelines specified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
6. Clinical instructors will be evaluated by student clinicians at the end of each term of treatment/supervision. Results of these evaluations will be compiled by the Center Director and will be discussed with clinical supervisors at the time of annual staff review and evaluation.