

## **KATIE R. BRENNAN**

253 Barkley Memorial Center • Lincoln, Nebraska 68583 • (402) 472-5439 •  
Katie.Brennan@unl.edu

### **EDUCATION**

**Master of Science, Communicative Disorders**, University of Wisconsin-Madison; May 2005

**Bachelor of Science, Communication Disorders**, Minnesota State University, Mankato; May 2001

### **CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

Nebraska State Department of Health and Human Services - Speech-Language Pathologist

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology

Hanen certified It Takes Two to Talk® instructor

Hanen certified More Than Words® instructor

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Clinical Supervisor/Lecturer**

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

**08/2015-present**

- Supervise graduate student clinicians in university speech-language and hearing clinic
- Contribute to program development, scholar advising, and oversight of clinical teaming experiences as part of the Mid-Plains Professional Upgrade Partnership – Interdisciplinary Preparation in Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology (MPUP-IP)
- Lead implementation of Simucase
- Teach graduate and undergraduate level courses in Special Education/Speech-language Pathology
- Member of Electronic Medical Records Core Team: support implementation, train faculty and students
- Graduate and lateral entry academic advisor: participate in Open House events; determine course plans with students; support students throughout their programs

#### **Speech-Language Pathologist/Auditory Consultant**

*Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE*

**01/2011-06/2015**

- Auditory Resource Consult Network (ACRN) Consultant: provided program development plans for school agencies; developed seminars and provided professional coaching; co-edited ACRN Handbook.
- Cochlear Implant Program: performed evaluations, counseled parents and patients, provided follow-up evaluations and auditory-based therapy for children using a variety of communication approaches.
- Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team: performed communication evaluations
- Outpatient services: aural (re)habilitation for children and adults; communication evaluations for children with and without hearing loss; telehealth aural habilitation services
- Contributed to and edited quarterly department newsletter
- Supervised undergraduate and graduate student clinicians
- ASHA Continuing Education Administrator: communicated with internal/external speakers; managed course registration and CE submission

#### **Aural Habilitation Specialist**

*Seattle Children's, Seattle, WA*

**2005-2010**

- Provided treatment and evaluation services for children with hearing loss focusing on parent coaching
- Cochlear Implant Team: performed candidacy evaluations, counseled parents, provided follow-up evaluations and/or therapy
- Hearing Loss Clinic Team: performed speech and/or language screenings, counseled families
- Supervised graduate student clinicians
- Contributed to quarterly Childhood Communication Center newsletter
- Secured funding and facilitated It Takes Two to Talk®

## **Speech-Language Pathologist**

**Waukesha School District, Waukesha, WI**

**2005**

- Provided itinerant speech and language services to students with hearing loss from preschool through high school ages; participated in IEP development

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

---

### **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

SLPA 884: Speech and Language Development for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing; Co-instructor (Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

SLPA 472: Intro to Aural Rehabilitation; Instructor (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022); Co-instructor (Fall 2016, 2017)

### **University of Nebraska Omaha**

SPED 4330: Aural Rehabilitation; Co-instructor (Fall 2013, 2014)

SPED 3200: Professional Writing for the Speech-Language Pathologist (Spring 2014, 2015)

## **GUEST LECTURER**

---

### **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

SLPA 897C Clinical Practicum – Topic: Resumes and Cover Letters (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring/Fall 2022)

SLPA 901 Auditory Physiology & Assessment – Topic: Communication Approaches (Fall 2022)

SLPA 441 Methods for the Communication Disorders Specialist – Topic: Considerations in D/HH Populations (Spring 2021)

SLPA 863 Language Disorders in Elementary Population – Topic: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (Fall 2018)

SLPA 940 Aural Rehabilitation Across the Lifespan – Topic: Interprofessional Practice (Spring 2018, 2019)

SLPA 397 Introduction and Observation – Topic: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (Fall 2015, 2016, 2017)

SLPA 472 Intro to Aural Rehabilitation – Topic: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (Fall 2015)

**University of Nebraska Omaha; Topic: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (Fall 2011)**

### **University of Washington Speech and Hearing Sciences Department**

Topic: Pediatric Aural Habilitation (11/2005, 10/2007, 03/2008, 07/2008, 07/2009)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

---

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

ASHA Special Interest Group (SIG)– 9: Childhood Hearing Disorders

## **SERVICE**

---

ASHA SIG 9 Professional Development Committee (2020-present, 2016-2017)

NE Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Advisory Committee (12/15-present): Vice-Chair (2017-present)

Subject matter expert: ASHA Practice Portal Hearing Aids for Children (2022) [Hearing Aids For Children \(asha.org\)](#)

ASHA Convention Topic Committee “Implantable Devices” (2021)

Nebraska Licensing Board - Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (12/2015-present)

Department Electronic Medical Records Core Team (2015-present)

SECD Chair Search Committee (2019-2020)

SLP Curriculum Transition committee (2019-2020)

ASHA Convention Topic Committee “Listening, Language, and Speech in Children who are D/HH” (2018-2020)

SECD Department Technology Committee (2017-present); Chair (2018)

ASHA Ad-Hoc Committee on American Sign Language Position Statement (Fall 2018)

American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology Ad-Hoc reviewer (2017)

Brennan, K.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

---

Brennan, K. (2017). Building Auditory Skills in Children Who Sign. *The ASHA Leader*, 22(5), 14-16.

## **INVITED SPEAKING EVENTS**

---

**Brennan, K.** (2022, November) Communication Approaches for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Presented at *Nebraska Hands and Voices Moms' Night Inn*, Scottsbluff, NE.

**Brennan, K.** (2017, October). Go, Team! Collaboration for Young Children with Hearing Loss. Presented at *Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention*, Lincoln, NE.

Janky, K. & **Brennan, K.** (2016, October). Vestibular Loss in Children Undergoing Cochlear Implantation: the SLP and Audiologist's Roles. Presented at *Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association*, Virtual conference.

**Brennan, K.** (2016, February). Supporting Communication Development in Children with Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder. Presented as part of *Online Series: Current Topics in Pediatric Audiology 2016* sponsored by Washington State EHDDI Program and Seattle Children's Hospital. Virtual conference.

**Brennan, K.** (2016, February). Communication Options for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. To be presented at *Nebraska Hands and Voices Mom's Day In*. Lincoln, NE.

Janky, K. & **Brennan, K.** (2015, November). Vestibular Loss in Children Undergoing Cochlear Implantation: the SLP and Audiologist's Roles. Presented at *ASHA Convention*, Denver, CO.

Carotta, C. & **Brennan, K.** (2015, October). Auditory Development in Complex Cases. Presented at *ASHA's Audiology 2015: Cochlear Implants Online Conference*.

**Brennan, K.** & Carotta, C. (2015, October). Infusing Audition into the Home and Classroom. Presented at *ASHA's Audiology 2015: Cochlear Implants Online Conference*.

**Brennan, K.** (2015, July). Communication Assessment and Supporting Auditory Skill Development in Children with Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder. Presented at *Boys Town Pediatric Amplification Conference*. Omaha, NE.

**Brennan, K.** & Carotta, C. (2015, March). Pediatric Aural Habilitation. Presented at *AudiologyNOW! American Academy of Audiology Conference*. San Antonio, TX.

Carotta, C. & **Brennan, K.** (2014, November). Family-Centered Practices for Serving Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Presented at *ASHA Convention*, Orlando, FL.

**Brennan, K.** (2014, September). Understanding Your Child's Hearing Loss. Presented at *Roots & Wings Conference*. Sponsored by Nebraska Department of Education. Nebraska City, NE.

**Brennan, K.** & Carotta, C. (2014, September). Supporting Auditory Development in the Home. Presented at *Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention*, Lincoln, NE.

Carotta, C. & **Brennan, K.** (2014, September). Supporting Auditory Skill Development in the Classroom. Presented at *Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention*, Lincoln, NE.

Simmons, J., Carotta, C., & **Brennan, K.** (2011, October). Cochlear Implants: From Concepts to Classroom. Presented at the *19<sup>th</sup> Annual SPALS (Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in the Louisiana Schools) Conference*. Baton Rouge, LA.

**Brennan, K.** (2011, September). Understanding Your Child's Hearing Loss. Presented at *Roots & Wings Conference*. Sponsored by Nebraska Department of Education. Kearney, NE.

**Brennan (Rybak), K.** (2010, May). It Takes Two to Talk: Supporting Auditory and Speech Development at Home. Presented at the *Spring Family Retreat for Families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing Children*; sponsored by Washington Sensory Disabilities Services. Ellensburg, WA.

**Brennan (Rybak), K.** (2010, October). Supporting Speech and Language Development at Home. Presented at *Seattle Children's Childhood Communication Center Family Information Day*. Seattle, WA.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

---

Carotta, C. & **Brennan, K.** (2015, March). Family-Centered Practices for Serving Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Pre-Convention Instructional Presented at *Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Meeting*, Louisville, KY.

**Brennan, K.** & Carotta, C. (2015, March). Early Childhood Developmentally Appropriate Practices Model for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Presented at *EHDI Meeting*, Louisville, KY.

**Brennan, K.** (2015, March). Pediatric Aural Habilitation. Presented at *Smart Lunch Lecture Series*, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

Carotta, C. & **Brennan, K.** (2014, April). Comprehensive Assessment & Planning Profiles for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Pre-Convention Instructional Session presented at *EHDI Meeting*, Jacksonville, FL.

**Brennan, K.** & Carotta, C. (2014, April). Auditory Practices for Children Using Sign and Spoken Language. Presented at *EHDI Meeting*, Jacksonville, FL.

**Brennan, K.** (2013, January). Planning and Implementing a Listening Session. Presented for *Nuts and Bolts Lecture Series*, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

Carotta, C., **Brennan, K.**, Simmons, J. (2012, July). Auditory Learning Collaborative. Distance and on-site three-day seminar, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

**Brennan, K.** (2012, March). Supporting Auditory Development in the Home. Presented for *Nuts and Bolts Lecture Series*, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

Beaurivage, F., Simmons, J., Carotta, C., & **Brennan, K.** (2011). Interpreting for students with cochlear implants. *Educational Interpreting Proficiency Assessment (EIPA) continuing education series*, Omaha, NE.

**Brennan, K.** (2011, October). Functional Listening Assessments: From Hearing to Listening. Presented for *Nuts and Bolts Lecture Series*, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

**Brennan, K.** (2011, March). Auditory Based Intervention. Presented for *Cochlear Implant Concept to Classroom series*, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

---

- Course Mapping Camp by CEHS Instructional Design Team (07/2019)
- More Than Words® Certification Workshop (05/2019)
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) Level 1 Trained (10/2016)
- Listening and Spoken Language Specialist, Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist: first year mentoring completed (12/2014)

- *First Years: Auditory Learning for Young Children with Hearing Loss* (09/2008-07/2009)
- *It Takes Two to Talk®: Making Hanen Happen* (05/2007)
- *Alabama Ear Institute Summer Institute in Auditory-Verbal Therapy* (07/2006)
- *Introduction to PROMPT Technique workshop* (05/2006)
- *Signed Exact English Weekend Skillshop* (03/2006, 02/2007)