

Jeri Weinstein Blum, M.S. CCC-SLP comes to EBS Therapy with an extensive background as a clinician, administrator and academic in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. After completing her B.S. at Boston University and M.S. at Teacher's College, Columbia University, she held clinical positions at The Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains, New York and Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. Following that, she was hired as a clinical supervisor and promoted to Director of the Speech-Language and Hearing Center at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City, in the Department of Surgery, a position she held for 18 years. At Beth Israel she managed a large staff of speech-language pathologists and developed many new programs for the hospital, including their dysphagia service and voice lab. She was also instrumental in the development of the ALS Center for the treatment of individuals with Lou Gehrig's disease with a specialty in augmentative communications.

After leaving Beth Israel, Ms. Blum took the position of Director of the Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic at Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus) in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, a program specializing in multi-cultural awareness and linguistic diversity. During her 12 years at LIU Ms. Blum also served as a Clinical Supervisor and Associate Adjunct Professor. The courses she taught included Advanced Clinical Practicum Seminars, Voice Disorders, Augmentative Communication, and Introduction to Neurological Communication Disorders through the Lifespan. She also served as Chapter Advisor for the Student Speech and Hearing Society and as a member of various University committees.

Ms. Blum has held positions on the New York State Executive Council, Council of Hospital Directors and most recently was Vice President of the Metropolitan Council of Academic Clinical Directors, a group she was a founding member of. She is an ASHA CE Administrator and has planned as well as spoken at numerous conferences on the state and national levels. Ms. Blum is expecting to complete her Advanced Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Long Island University in December 2011.

Ms. Blum's areas of interest include childhood speech and language disorders, voice disorders in both children and adults and adults with neurogenic communication disorders. She has a special interest in augmentative and alternative communication and has worked extensively with patients who have ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and Parkinson's disease.

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