

# ASSESSING SELECTIVE MUTISM

Presented by Annie DiVello M.S.,CCC-SLP

Friday February 8th 2019 8:30am-3:30pm

Location: 169 South River Road Unit 9 Bedford NH

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This interactive course is intended to help providers effectively assess a variety of children, adolescents, and young adults with selective mutism. Participants will be given an overview of the instruments used to assess selective mutism, strategies for evaluating individuals who are clinically severe, tips for conducting a successful parent interview, and guided practice opportunities.

## Who Should Attend?

Speech language pathologists, mental health workers, special educators, case managers. Parents and caregivers are welcome.



## Schedule for the day:

8:00 - 8:30 Guest check-in

8:30 -10:00 - An introduction to the tools used in the assessment of selective mutism

10:00 -10:15 - Break

10:15 -11:30 - Guided Practice

11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch on your own

12:30 -1:30 - Strategies for evaluating individuals who are clinically severe

1:30 - 2:00 - Facilitating a successful parent/caregiver interview

2:00 - 2:15 - Break

2:15 - 3:15 – Scoring, analyzing, and interpreting the results from your assessment

3:15 - 3:30 Open Forum for Questions.

Completion of course evaluations/surveys

## Outcomes



**As a result of attending, participants will be able to:**

- \*Name at least three appropriate personnel to evaluate SM
- \*Understand when to rule in/out a diagnosis of SM
- \*Identify a variety of tools used in the assessment of SM
- \*Begin to develop strategies for evaluating a variety of clinical severities
- \*Understand how and when to effectively assess the higher realms of language for individuals who have SM



## Questions?

Contact Annie DiVello (603) 860-5669 – cell phone

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**Continuing Education** – This course will count for 5.5 CEU hours.

## PRESENTER'S BIO

Annie is a licensed and ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathologist. She has worked with children across the country including West Virginia, Georgia, and South Central Los Angeles. Her particular area of clinical interest is Selective Mutism. Annie follows a “whole child” philosophy. She enjoys working closely with family members, school teams, and other service providers to create a collaborative model of support for the children and families she serves. Annie is the Selective Mutism Association State Coordinator for NH and ME. She leads a Selective Mutism Parent Annie is passionate about her field and about helping individuals to find their voices. She feels that the ability to communicate is a beautiful gift.

### Registration:

*Cost: 169.00; Early Bird: \$139.00 (by 1/9/19)*

If paying by check: Make check payable to: Annie DiVello

*Payment in must be received prior to attendance.*

**Registered but cannot attend?** Registration is non-refundable. However, substitutions for a future workshop are accepted. New England Pediatric Services reserves the right to cancel or postpone all workshops due to weather and/or low registration.

