Listening and Spoken Language Specialists and Early Intervention: Knowledge, Skills, and Certification

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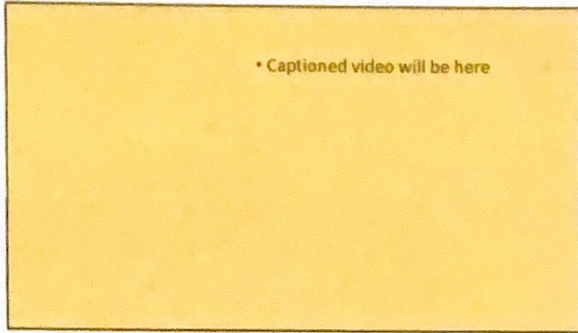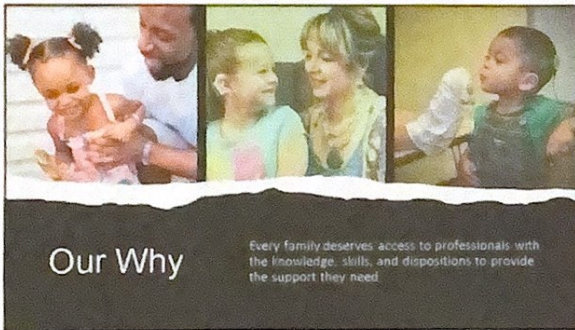- The Radical Middle DHH Founding Board Member (volunteer)

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Learning Objectives

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Our Why

Every family deserves access to professionals with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to provide the support they need
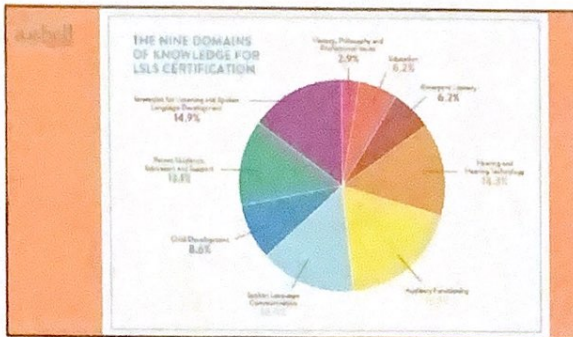
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Principles of Listening & Spoken Language Specialists

- Early diagnosis
- Immediate audiologic management and consistent use of hearing technology
- Hearing as the primary sensory modality
- Active, consistent participation in individualized intervention
- Guide and coach caregivers to create environments that support listening
- Integrate listening and spoken language in daily interactions
- Use natural developmental patterns
- Self-monitor spoken language through listening
- Formal and informal diagnostic assessments
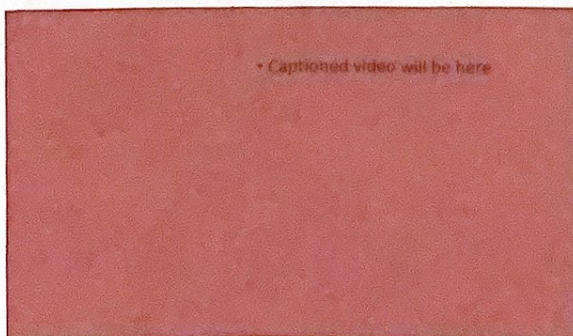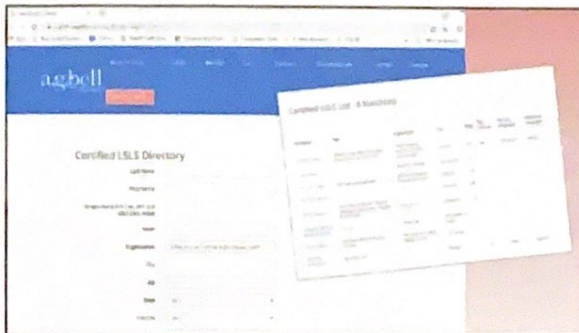- Promote education in regular schools

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Academic & Professional Requirements

- Academic: degree in Audiology, Deaf Education, or Speech-Language Pathology.
- Credentials: license allows a professional to practice in geographic location
- Mentoring by Certified LSL Specialist for 36-60 month period
- Professional Experience: 10 hours of observation of LSL Specialist and 900 hours of practice in LSL
- Letters of Support from 2 parents and 2 professionals
- Passing score on the LSLS Certification Examination (provided in English and Spanish)
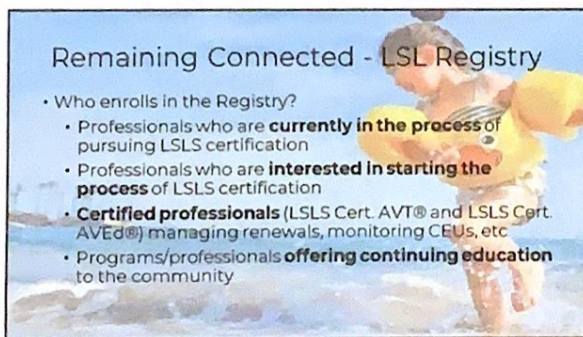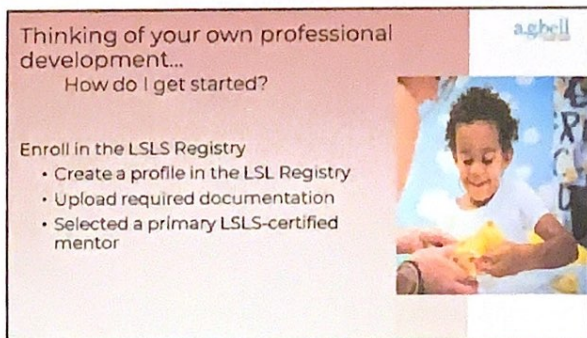
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Remaining Connected - LSL Registry

- Who enrolls in the Registry?
  - Professionals who are **currently in the process** of pursuing LSLS certification
  - Professionals who are **interested in starting the process** of LSLS certification
  - **Certified professionals** (LSLS Cert. AVT® and LSLS Cert. AVEd®) managing renewals, monitoring CEUs, etc
  - Programs/professionals **offering continuing education** to the community

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Thinking of your own professional development...

How do I get started?

Enroll in the LSLS Registry
- Create a profile in the LSL Registry
- Upload required documentation
- Selected a primary LSLS-certified mentor

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Ten Benefits to the Professional who Earns LSLS Certification and Utilizes the Credential

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