Speech Pathology Research, Outcomes and Treatment

SPROuT

Speech Pathology Research, Outcomes and Treatment (SPROuT) is a research initiative within the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at California State University, Sacramento, developed by Heather Thompson, Ph.D. CCC-SLP.

The mission of SPROuT is threefold:

1. To conduct clinical intervention studies in the field of speech-language pathology and audiology, contributing to best practice guidelines.
2. To provide pediatric clients with high quality assessment and intervention services through research studies while investigating the nature of their concerns related to speech, language and swallowing.
3. To provide undergraduate and graduate students with opportunities to obtain research experience early in their speech-language pathology and audiology academic careers.

On-going activities under SPROuT:

1. Examination of interventions for speech sound disorders of children with cleft palate.
2. An evaluation of communication and swallowing concerns of individuals with neurofibromatosis.
3. Applied Communication Sciences Lab (ACSL) in cleft palate for undergraduate and graduate students.
4. ACSL in Neurofibromatosis for undergraduate and graduate students.