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LBESPA ANNOUNCES 17TH ANNUAL CE WORKSHOP

In keeping with its commitment to provide quality continuing education opportunities for licensees, LBESPA once again will hold a CE workshop that will provide attendees with up to six hours of continuing education. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Email blasts with a "Save the Date" announcement have been sent, and you should have received a copy of the complete program and registration form by the time this publication goes to press.

The morning session from 8:30-11:45 is tailored for both speech-language pathologists and audiologists and features Lee Reeves, DVM. Dr. Reeves brings a unique perspective to the program in that he has been both a consumer of our services and a public member on more than one regulatory board. He will not only provide information about consumer service on a regulatory board but will also discuss how our professions are viewed by those to whom we provide services.

The luncheon speaker, Dr. Larry Molt, will focus on intergenerational ethics. In a discussion of four generations, Dr. Molt will provide information relative to those generations and how best for employers, supervisors, and colleagues to interact with each of the generations. The presentation will also include a perspective on ethics as viewed by each generation.

Afternoon sessions will follow the same format utilized at past conferences and will be presented as round tables that are offered twice. The first round tables will be offered from 1:15-2:15, and the second round table will be presented from 2:30-3:30 PM. The registration form will request that attendees select two of the round table presentations.

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A FIFTEEN YEAR RETROSPECTIVE OF USING SUPPORT PERSONNEL- Kerri Phillips, SLP.D., CCC-SLP

In November 2011, the presentation, "Successful Utilization of Support Personnel: A Fifteen Year Retrospective" was made at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association by Stephen Harris, Kerrilyn Phillips, Theresa Rodgers, and Glenn Waguespack. This article will provide a synopsis of that presentation.

In 1995, LBESPA began the process of revising the practice act for speech-language pathologists (SLP) and audiologists. One of the primary reasons for the revision was to expand and update the scope of practice. During this time, a shortage of SLPs prompted the discussion on how to regulate support personnel due to the educational and healthcare issues at that time. While this was considered to be a need by the professionals within the state, there was cause for concern. The greatest concerns voiced by professionals at that time was fear of losing jobs, a lowering of standards, and the availability of personnel to supervise support personnel.

In 2011, two surveys were distributed via SurveyMonkey one to fully licensed SLPs and another to provisional or assistant SLPs. The data obtained was then compared to data collected in 1999 regarding the use of support personnel. The 2011 data indicates that 78% of SLP assistants primarily work in school systems and have been practicing anywhere from 2 to 15 years as an assistant.

In addressing the opposition to the use of personnel, the data indicates that many of the initial objections have not been issues. For example, a fear of losing jobs for the master level practitioner has not been supported. In 1999, there were 2,408 licensed SLPs in Louisiana in comparison to 3,074 SLPs. Interestingly, in 1999 there were 213 licensed SLP assistants and in 2011 there were 271.

In comparing data from the 1996 survey to the 2011 survey, agreement remained that universities, both academically and clinically, were preparing students

for jobs as SLP assistants. Licensed assistants (53%) reported that their future plans were to enroll in a graduate level training program. The level of competency the SLP assistant possessed was found to meet the needs of clients by 78% of the respondents. Therefore, the opinion that a lowering of the standards would occur is not supported.

One of the biggest concerns was the availability of personnel to supervise assistants. Data from 2011 indicated that this has not been an issue for SLP supervisors as 26% reported that it was very easy to schedule the required supervision for the assistant.

In reviewing data from 15 years ago, it appears that Louisiana's model on how to use support personnel has been successful. The regulation of support personnel has allowed harmonious relationships with the State Department of Education by resolving a significant critical shortage of personnel. By maintaining control of the professional standards, the use of support personnel has helped to eliminate encroachment by maintaining a standard of care within the profession. Lastly, there has been the establishment of a career ladder within speech-language pathology.

While other states are wrestling with the issue of support personnel and how to regulate them, Louisiana has continued to be at the forefront in the regulation of support personnel by creating a model that has not only alleviated the personnel shortage in the state, but has also provided assurance that consumers of speech-language pathology services will be protected.

Top 10 Requested Videos (LBESPA)

1. Video 09- Orofacial Myology: Beyond Tongue Thrust
2. Video 22: A Symposium in Audiology 1) Electrophysiological Measures of the Auditory System, 2) Hearing Aids
3. Video 55- Endoscopic Assessment for Voice Resonance, and Swallowing Disorders: Is Seeing Believing
4. Video 96-Assessment and Treatment of Narrative Skills: What's the Story
5. Video 102- Enhancing Phonological and Metaphonological Skills of Children with Highly Unintelligible Speech.
6. Video 104- Supporting the Communication of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
7. Video 113- Everyday Routines in Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation
8. Video 150- Management of Hyperfunctional Voice Disorders: Unifying Concepts and Strategies
9. Video 169- HIPPA: Privacy Regulations
10. Video 177- Assessment of Bilingual Learners- Language Difference or Disorder?

Rules, Regulations & Procedures

The amendment to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures will become rule effective April 20, 2013. The Rules will be available at www.lbespa.org after April 20 and all licensees are encouraged to download a current copy for review and information.

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Among the round tables will be an audiology presentation by Martin Audiffred entitled "Assistive Technology: Is it Really Assistive", and the traditional Grand Rounds in Audiology by Tammy Crabtree that will focus on the topic of Cochlear Implants. Grand Rounds in Speech-Language Pathology will cover the topic of traumatic brain injury and will be facilitated by Verlencia Millet and Laura Roach. Other round tables and their presenters include "Cognition vs. Language: A Chicken and Egg Scenario" by Donna Fitzgerald, "Autism in School-Aged Children" with Lillian Stiegler, and "Implementing Interventions Consistent with CCSS" by Janet Norris.

Please plan to join your colleagues for an outstanding education program and earn six hours of continuing education. Lunch is included in the registration. Visit the LBESPA web site at www.lbespa.org

for further information and for complete biographical information on the presenters.

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BOARD MEETING DATES:

Disciplinary Action

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the board office in Baton Rouge unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting Minutes are available upon written request.



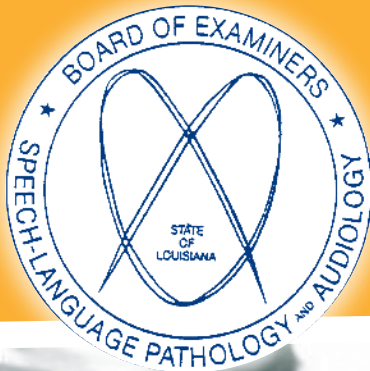
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Friday, April 12, 2013

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Friday, December 13, 2013
(New Orleans)



February 11, 2011 - The license of Monica Waasdorp, L-SLP#2607 was disciplined through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing while her license was suspended through a Consent Agreement and Order that was signed on June 5, 2008.

August 6, 2011 – The license of Caroline Geiger, Provisional SLP Assistant#6484 was issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing without a license. Caroline Geiger is currently fully licensed.

October 28, 2011 – The license of Andrea Branch-Mathis, SLP Assistant#5553 was disciplined through a Consent Agreement and Order for violating supervision requirements.

December 2, 2011 – The license of Warren Brown, Provisional SLP#6407 was disciplined through a Consent Agreement and Order for exceeding his scope of practice while licensed as a SLP Assistant and for violating supervision requirements. Warren Brown is currently fully licensed.

December 2, 2011 – The license of Anne-Marie Keesler, L-SLP#4815 was re-issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing with a lapsed license.

August 3, 2012 - The license of Courtney Stewart, L-AUD/Hearing Aid Dispensing#5652 was disciplined through a Consent Agreement and Order for violations relative to billing and record keeping.

August 3, 2012 – The license of Brandy Townsend, L-SLP#2355 was re-issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing with a lapsed license.

February 22, 2013 – The license of Amy Ballard, L-SLP#5759 was re-issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing with a lapsed license.

February 22, 2013 – The license of Jennifer Hootsell, Provisional SLP#6792 was issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing without a license.

February 22, 2013 – The license of Monique Maraldo, L-SLP#3149 was re-issued through a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing with a lapsed license.

A copy of disciplinary orders effective after February 16, 2007 can be obtained from the board's website www.lbespa.org.



LAPSED License List

Based on information available in our office as of November 1, 2012, the following licensees are listed for non-renewal of licensure.

Name	Profession	Location	Name	Profession	Location
BUTLER, NAIKAI	AUDIOLOGY/H.A. DISP	DALLAS, TX	EVANS, NATALIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HEARTLAND, TX
PERSON, CRISTEN	AUDIOLOGY/H.A. DISP	BOSSIER CITY, LA	FAHEY, MARY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ORLANDO, FL
PIPPINS, LINDA	AUDIOLOGY/H.A. DISP	BUSH, LA	FLETCHER, LINDSEY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAKE ORION, MI
WALL, JAMIE	AUDIOLOGY/H.A. DISP	BRANDON, MS	FULLER, MISTY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MONROE, LA
DUKES, NATASHA	PROV/SLP	OZARK, AL	GARRETT, DIANA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MOUNT PLEASANT, SC
HINTON, HOLLY	PROV/SLP	STAMPS, AR	GIESLER, LAUREN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
SPRING, SARA	PROV/SLP	TRUMBULL, CT	GRAHAM, REBECCA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA
WENDT, CASSIE	PROV/SLP	HOUSTON, TX	GUZZARDO, GAYE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	INDEPENDENCE, LA
ALLISON, CELESTE	PROV/SLP/ ASSISTANT	METAIRIE, LA	HANSON, ANGIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ABERDEEN, SD
BUTLER, RHONDA	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	INDIANIAPOLIS, IN	HARLAN, CYNTHIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	THE WOODLANDS, TX
HAGOOD, BARBARA	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	BATON ROUGE, LA	HARRIS, PIPER	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	KINGWOOD, TX
KANNON, ANGELA	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	BATON ROUGE, LA	HEBERT, NANCY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAFAYETTE, LA
MCGEHEE, LINDSAY	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	ZACHARY, LA	HYMEL, SUSAN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LULING, LA
MORRIS, KOURTNEI	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	MINDEN, LA	ISAAC, MARTINA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	EUNICE, LA
NATHAN, LAWAN	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	KENNER, LA	JAMES, AMY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NATCHEZ, LA
TOUCHET, THERESA	PROV/SLP/ASSISTANT	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JOHNSON, GENNITH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SILVER SPRING, MD
CARAMAGNO, FRANCESCA	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JOHNSON, NORMA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SENATOBIA, MS
JENNINGS, LINDA	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JONAITIS, PATRICIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NATCHEZ, MS
LAFLEUR, MARIA	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JONES, KATHLEEN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	METAIRIE, LA
MULLEN, SONDRAL	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JOPLING, REBECCA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
PETITT, MARY	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	MARRERO, LA	KELLER, RITA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAFAYETTE, LA
PRICE-BANKS, JUDY	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA	KENDALL, KERI	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LEESVILLE, LA
RAMSAY, KAREN	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	FAIRFAX, VA	KENNER, PATRICIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA
SPAULDING, OLIVIA	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	ROCKWALL, TX	KIIHNL, LINDA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA
TOWNSEND, CAROYL	RESTRICTED SPEECH/PATH	ARCADIA, LA	KORDISCH, MARAGARET	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAFAYETTE, LA
BICKHAM ROCHELLE	SLP ASSISTANT	COVINGTON, LA	KRIEGER, RANDALL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MANDEVILLE, LA
CROCKETT-BREAUX, LAKEDRA	SLP ASSISTANT	BATON ROUGE, LA	LAMOTHE, JANIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NEW IBERIA, LA
JACOBS, LORETTA	SLP ASSISTANT	PENSACOLA, FL	LAYNES, KENZIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
JOHNSON, SHASA	SLP ASSISTANT	BATON ROUGE, LA	LEATHERWOOD, HYLAH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAKE CHARLES, LA
KING, PATRIKA	SLP ASSISTANT	KENNER, LA	LIVELY, JESSICA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAKE CHARLES, LA
MATTHEWS, NATASHA	SLP ASSISTANT	BATON ROUGE, LA	LORIO, ANNETTE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	GEISMAR, LA
NORRIS, TANYA	SLP ASSISTANT	NEW ORLEANS, LA	LUEDKE, ALEXANDRIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NATCHITOCHES, LA
SALVADRAS, JAMIE	SLP ASSISTANT	PLAQUEMINE, LA	LUTZ, TIFFANY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	WINNFIELD, LA
WARREN, AMY	SLP ASSISTANT	OAK GROVE, LA	MANUEL, NUNCIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BARKSDALE AFB, LA
ABENDROTH, KATHLEEN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	DENHAM SPRINGS, LA	MARKEL, SARAH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	FORT COLLINS, CO
ALCAZAR, MARY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BELLE CHASSE, LA	MARTINEZ, SUMMER	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MARSHALL, TX
ARCLESE, KATRELL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HOUSTON, TX	MCCANDLISH, CHRISTIN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HAUGHTON, LA
ARMSTRONG, NATALIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MONROE, LA	MCGEE, KELLI	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	CABOT, AR
BAKER, JESSICA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ALBANY, LA	MEADOWS, LINDA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SULPHUR, LA
BASS, BETTY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BREAUX BRIDGE, LA	MILLER, LORI	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	WEST MONROE, LA
BLEICH, ELSIE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	RUSTON, LA	PARDY, JANIS	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
BOUTTE, BRENDA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NEWNAN, GA	PARKER, KELLY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	COVINGTON, LA
BRUML, SARAH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	AMHERST, NY	PEFFLEY, MARA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SLIDELL, LA
CARNES, JULIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA	PERICH, AUDREY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
CARTER, SARAH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	RUSTON, LA	PIPPIN, JANE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NATC HITCHES, LA
COOK, MABLE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BEAUMONT, TX	PRATOR, CAROLYN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA
CRAWFORD, TERLENDAL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA	PROUT, AUDREY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HARVEY, LA
DEAN, SANDRA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MARRERO, LA	RAMAGOS, BRITTANY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
DEUS, JULIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MANDEVILLE, LA	RANDOLPH, CRYSTAL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
DOUGLASS, JILL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	METAIRIE, LA	RAUMA, RACHELLE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	QUEEN CREEK, AZ
EDWARDS, KATHERINE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BOSSIER CITY, LA	REESE, PAM	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAFAYETTE, LA

LBESPA LOOKS AHEAD TO LAW REVISION

When the licensure law for speech-language pathology and audiology was last revised in 1995, sweeping changes were included to align the professions with the expanded scope of practice. Among the major changes were provisions to allow audiologists to dispense hearing aids under the umbrella of the audiology license and provisions to license speech-language pathology assistants. Also included were changes to the disciplinary process, the ability to levy fines for violations, and the inclusion of continuing education as a condition for licensure renewal.

Since 1995 the Rules and Regulations have been revised to maintain currency with the scope of practice and to expand on the initial version of the rules promulgated in conjunction with the passage of the law. Of late those changes have included updated coursework requirements, development

of a Code of Ethics for SLP Assistants, provisions to require experience for supervisors, revision of language related to the passing of the Praxis to conform to changes from Educational Testing Service, provisions for emergency preparedness, and provisions to expedite licensure for military personnel or spouses of military personnel. In spite of these changes to the Rules and Regulations, the language in the law itself is in need of updating to reflect changes in the scope of practice as well as changes in the educational and clinical practicum requirements. Additionally, there are sections of the law that present a potential conflict with the language in the Rules and Regulations.

Among the needed changes are the inclusion of a doctoral degree in audiology as the minimum requirement for licensure, along with a corresponding requirement for clinical practicum hours and the elimination of a clinical fellowship

for individuals holding an audiology doctoral degree. As a condition of allowing audiologists to dispense hearing aids with an audiology license, it was necessary in 1995 to include specifics about hearing aid fittings, language that should be placed in the Rules and Regulations rather than in the statute itself. There has been some confusion regarding the qualifications of a public member, so this section may require some clarification. A waiver for BESE certified individuals was included as a carry-over from the 1978 revision to the law, and this needs to be removed from the rules. Criminal background checks are now more commonplace in the area of regulation, as are provisions to give LBESPA authority over unlicensed practice. As the current law is written, an unlicensed individual engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology can be sent a cease and desist letter, but LBESPA is not authorized to impose any other form of discipline. A number of other changes are needed to clarify language and bring the law into currency with national standards.

There are a number of potential additions that require further study before they can be included in the revisions to the law. One is the addition of audiology support personnel and the educational and clinical practicum requirements that accompany audiology assistant regulation. Unlike guidelines for speech-language pathology support personnel, individuals cannot generally obtain a Bachelor's degree in audiology nor can they obtain sufficient practicum hours in audiology to qualify for licensure. Related to audiology is the issue of restrictions on the sale of internet hearing aids. Licensure boards across the country have had difficulty with defining and implementing this regulation, and it will require careful study before it can be included.

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REPP, CLAIRE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MAURICE, LA
RICKS, BETTY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA
ROBERTS, KAREN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ABITA SPRINGS, LA
ROBINSON, ERICA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HAMMOND, LA
ROJAS, MARIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	DALLAS, TX
ROY, AUGA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	GRAMERCY, LA
RUFFIN, GLORIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	MANY, LA
SANSING, KELLY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	ALEXANDRIA, LA
SCHEXNAYDER, SUZANNE	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
SCHULTZ, STEVEN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SMITH, CARLYN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SLIDELL, LA
SMITH, LEANNA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	HOUSTON, TX
SOTO, KENYA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA
SPENCER, CHRISTI	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	DAYTONA BEACH, FL
STEPHENS, JANELL	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	SHREVEPORT, LA
STEPHENS, LACY	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	NEW ORLEANS, LA
STROZIK, ANDREA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAFAYETTE, LA
THOMAS, PAMELA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	KILBOURNE, LA
VAN WAGENER, ELLEN	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	PRIAIRIEVILLE, LA
VENDT, DONNA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BATON ROUGE, LA
WASHINGTON, JUDITH	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	LAKE CHARLES, LA
WILLIAMS, GLENDA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	BOSSIER CITY, LA
WILLIAMS, SELERIA	SPEECH LANGUAGE PATH	TUSKEGEE, AL

Welcome New Licensees

JANUARY 7, 2011- MARCH 4, 2013

ABATE, KELLY
ABSHIRE, CAYSI
ACUNA, NINO
ADAMS, AMANDA
ADAMS, KASY
ADAMS-GRIMES, LESLEY
AGNESS, JERILYNN
AGUILAR, EILEEN
ALLEMAND, ASHLEY
ALLEN-TURNER, TAMLA
AMMERMAN, HOLLY
ANDERSON, JAMIE
ANDRUS, SARAH
ANTOINE, KIMBERLY
ARCENEUX, SIERRA
ARGEANTON, KELLIE
ASBERRY, TARA
AULD, CAROLYN
AURAND, BARBARA
AUTHEMENT, ALICIA
AZIOS, MICHAEL
BABCOCK, KELLEY
BABIN, ANGELIQUE
BACQUE, ANGELA
BAGLEY, MONICA
BAILEY, ELIZABETH
BAMBURG, KATIE
BANKS, HEIDI
BANKS, NAKIA
BANKSTON, SHARON
BARNES, JENNIFER
BARNES, KIMBERLY
BARRIOS, ASHLEY
BARTON, STACY
BAUDOIN, LAUREN
BECK, LUANN
BECNEL, VICTORIA
BEGNAUD, BRITTANY
BEHLAR, ALLISON
BELKNAP, TERRI
BELL, KRYSHAWN
BENOIT, MINDY
BERTANI, CARLA
BERTRAND, CHENA
BESHEA, HOLLY
BLANCHARD, AMANDA
BLANCHARD, CAROLINE
BLUE, LINDSAY
BOATNER, ASHLEY
BOLDEN-CAMPBELL, SHARDE
BONVILLAIN, LYNDSAY
BORNE, MARTI
BOUDLOCHE, KATIE
BOUDREAU, DANIELLE
BOURGEOIS, DANA
BOURGEOIS, KELLY
BRANDT, JENNIFER
BRAUD, AMY
BRAZIER, ANTONIA
Breau, WHITNEY
BREAZEALE, KAYLA
BRIGNAC, RACHAEL

BRIOLO, STACEY
BROST, SELENE
BROUGHTON, LINDSAY
BROUSSARD, LAUREN
BROWN, LAKEITHA
BROWN, STACIE
BROWN, WARREN
BROWN-KENNEY, SHAWN
BRYANT, HOLLY
BUCHER, MEREDITH
BULLER, TOVA
BURNS, LACEY
BUVENS, KATIE
CAIN, ELIZABETH
CALLOWAY, MARIA
CAMBRE, CASEY
CAMPBELL, TINA
CARDWELL, ELIZABETH
CARLISE, MEEKA
CARLOS, ASHLEIGH
CARPIO, MARLA
CARRERAS, KELLI
CASSANDRA, JEAN
CASTILLE, ARIANNE
CATALANO, AMY
CAVE, ALLISON
CERVERA, CHRISTINE
CHABERT, MELISSA
CHAMBERS, MALLORY
CHAMPAGNE, ELIZABETH
CHAPMAN, TIFFANY
CHESHIER, KATIE
CHIASSON, SARAH
CHIN, MARIA
CHOATE, TYLER
CLARK, JENNIFER
CLARK, JENNIFER
COBEN, ELIZABETH
Coker, Rebecca
COLL, KATHERINE
COLVIN, COURTNEY
COLVIN, LAUREN
Cook, ASHLEY
COOPER, HILLARY
CORMIER, KATHRYN
CORTE, ELIZABETH
COTTEN, MEGAN
COURVILLE, CHRISTA
COX, KRISTEN
COX, LAUREN
CRAIG, PAMELA
CRANFIELD, CARRIE
CRAWFORD, BRITTANY
CRUM, MEREDITH
CULBREATH, CODY
CUTRER, DENISE
DAIGLE, SHANA
DAIGLE, TARA
DANIEL, JENNIFER
DANIEL, SYLVIA
DANIELS, NAILAH
DAVIDSON, PAIGE

DAVILLE, RHEA
DAVIS, HEIDI
DAWSON, JULIA
DELANCY, KRISTIN
DELROSE, LAURA
DENMAN, NICOLE
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DESHOTELS, HANNAH
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DEVILLE, ALEXANDRA
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ELBERT-MCCLAIN, TASHA
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ESCHMAN, KRISTEN
ESSA, AMNA
ETIENNE, NATASHA
FAIRCLOTH, TEELA
FALCON, BRITTANY
FARMER-PRIMEAUX, KARA
FAULK, ASHLEY
FAVRET, CLAUDIA
FINLEY, MEGHAN
FLEMISTER, REBECCA
FLETCHER, MEGHAN
FONTENOT, ALLISON
FORD, KASEY
FOREMAN, ALICE
FORREST, AMY
FOSTER, SHELLEY
FOWLKES, MELISSA
FRASIER, CATHERINE
FRILOUX, DANIELLE
FUNK, ADRIANNE
GALBRAITH, ANNE
GALLARDO, LINDA
GANDY, NATALIE
GARCIA, SARAH
GARY, BLYTHE
GATLIN, COURTNEY
GAUDIN, KARI
GAUTHIER, DELISA
GEBBIA, JENNIFER
GEIGER, CAROLINE
GERARD, CHRISTINE
GIBBS, JANEE

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License Renewal

License renewal will begin on April 15th. The Board is again offering a waiver of the \$3.00 credit card processing fee for timely online renewals, which are those processed between April 15th and June 30th, to encourage individuals to renew online. The Board's online renewal system is secure and it makes renewing online quick and simple. New license cards are received within one (1) week with online renewals.

Those that choose to renew by mail, as well as those that are required to renew by mail, should download the renewal application from the Board's website. The credit card processing fee will be applicable to renewal applications manually processed. Licensees renewing by mail should allow six (6) weeks for processing.

Those that require supervision to maintain their license and those that are randomly selected for an audit of their continuing education are not eligible to renew online. Licensees selected for an audit will be notified by a certified letter with instructions for responding to the audit.

Individuals who do not have internet access should contact the Board office to request that renewal forms be mailed.



LBESPA 17TH ANNUAL CE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Afternoon Round Table Sessions:

Availability is determined on a first come, first serve basis. Sessions may not be changed on the day of workshop. Please place a number by each roundtable session. 1 indicates a workshop that you are most interested in attending, with 6 being the least interested.

- A Assistive Technology
- B Grand Rounds in SLP: TBI
- C Cognition VS Language: A Chicken Egg Scenario
- D Autism with School- Aged Children
- E Grand Rounds in Audiology: Cochlear Implants
- F Implementing Interventions Consistent with CCSS

NOTE: Registration Fee is non-refundable
Pre-Registration - \$85 received by April 1, 2013
Late /Onsite Registration- \$150.00 received on/
after April 2, 2013

This course is **PENDING APPROVAL** for .6 CEUs
(Intermediate level; Professional area) Registration: 8:00 a.m.

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LBESPA LOOKS AHEAD TO LAW REVISION

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In 1995 LBESPA attempted to include cerumen management, but this was quickly removed at the request of the medical lobbyist. LBESPA plans to obtain information from practicing otolaryngologists in the state before including this topic in the revised law.

Revisions to a practice act should not be taken lightly, and LBESPA plans to conduct a full-scale study prior to proposing any changes that would open the practice act. It is necessary to have the support of speech-language pathology and audiology professionals across the state, as well as the support of professional organizations like the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA) and Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools (SPALS). The proposed date for introduction of changes to the law is the Spring of 2014, and licensees will be provided with many opportunities for comment and input prior to that date. This is the first of many articles related to the proposal, and LBESPA requests your input as the Board undertakes this project. Although the proposed changes in this correspondence are tentative, please send your comments regarding them to the board office or to me at audmath1@aol.com. In addition, please include any topics and/or changes that you might like to have considered.

Louisiana is fortunate to have had licensure in place since 1972. In 1978 the law was revised to include regulation in all settings, an accomplishment that many licensure boards across the country have yet to achieve. The proposed changes are not to reduce standards or make licensure more difficult, but rather to add currency to the law as the professions expand and services become more available to the consumers we serve. Thank you for your support of the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. We look forward to hearing from you.

Glenn Waguespack
LBESPA Chair



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GIROUX, MEGAN	JOHNSON, SHASA	MARSHALL, MEOSHIA	PERRY, HOLLEY	SCHAFEHEN, ELIZABETH
GISH, ALLISON	JOHNSON, TORIE	MARSHALL, TAMMI	PERRYMAN, ALICIA	SCHAFLER, MARGO
GODBEE, AMANDA	JOHNSTON, MORGAN	MARTIN, EMILY	PETZET, JENNIFER	SCHAMBAUGH, HEATHER
GODFREY, SEAN	JONES, KATHLEEN	MARTIN, LEAH	PHAM, JENNIFER	SCHECHTER, LEA
GODWIN, MEAGAN	JUDICE, STEPHANIE	MARTIN, RUTH	PICCOLO, FRANCIS	SCHMIDT, VIRGINIA
GOMEZ, CLIFF	KAHL, LAUREL	MATHERNE, LINDSEY	PICKERING, REBECCA	SCIANNA, EMILIE
GONZALES, KALA	KAZIUCHITS, ALISA	MAXWELL, JAMIE	PIERCE, LESLIE	SCOTT, MICHELLE
GORDON, KAYLEIGH	KEESLER, ANNE-MARIE	MAY, SHANNON	PINAC, ANDREA	SCRAM, JEANETTE
GORDY, JULIE	KELLERHALS, BROOKE	MCBRIDE, LACEY	PITRE, HANNAH	SEAL, HEATHER
GOSTL, JILLIAN	KELLY, CHRISTINE	MCCONNELL, JULIE	PITTMAN, DANA	SERIO, JENNIFER
GRANGER, KAREN	KELLY, KELYSHIA	MCCOTTER, MALLORY	PLACE, RACHEL	SEYMOUR, HEATHER
GRAVOIS, LEAH	KELPE, MORGAN	MCCOY, KELLY	POCHE', JORDAN	SHERRILL, MARTHA
GREEN, HALEY	KINCHEN, HILLARY	MCGAR, SAMANTHA	POOL, KERISTIN	SHERVILLE, RACHEL
GREGORY, KYOMI	KIRBY, KELLY	MCINTOSH, HEATHER	PORTER, WHITNEY	SHOWS, KASEY
GRIFFITH, KATHERINE	KLIBERT, JENNA	MCKENNA, LISA	PREJEAN, NAOMI	SIMMONS-BUQUET, LE'KAJA
GROB, KAMI	KNAPP, RANDEE'	MCKENZIE, LESLIE	PRIEST, KELLI	SIMS, MELISSA
GUILBEAU, BRITNI	KNIGHT, CRYSTAL	MCMORE, EMILY	PRINCE, KATHERINE	SINGH, LEAH
GUILLOT, RENEE	KNIGHT, MARY	MCMURRAY, AMANDA	PRUDHOMME, SARAH	SLAUGHTER, LINDSEY
HAGSTETTE, RACHEL	KOBROCK, JONI	MCNEILL, MOLLY	PRUNA, CLAUDIA	SMITH, BOBBI
HALLNER, JENNIFER	KOCHERGIN, IRINA	MEARS, ELIZABETH	PURIFOY, SHARON	SMITH, HOLLY
HAMMETT, LISA	KOEHL, VICKIE	MEAUX, AIMEE	PYFROM, MARY	SMITH, JESSICA
HAMMOND-CHIASSON, BERNICE	KRUMMEL, VICTORIA	MECHE, ANN	RABALAIS, NATALIE	SMITH, TARA
HAMPTON, HEATHER	KUHL, LISA	MEDINE, KATHRYN	RABY, BRITTNEY	SMITH, VIRGINIA
HARDING, MEGHAN	LABARRE, MALLORY	MELERINE, KASIE	RACHAL, AMELIA	SOUTHER, RENEE
HARRIS, KIALONTI	LAFLEUR, SARA	MELLION, NADRA	RADD, MARYLENE	SPANGLER, JOURDAN
HARRY, JARVIS	LAGARDE, PAULA	MEYER, LINDSAY	RAZIANO, LISA	STANDER, MEGHAN
HATFIELD, ASHLEY	LAIRD, LAUREN	MICHIELS, HEIDI	READ, CATHERINE	STELLY, HANNAH
HAVARD, CAITLIN	LAJAUNIE, ANNIE	MICKELSON, ASHLEY	REAU, ANGEL	STEVENS, DEBORAH
HAYS, KATHERINE	LAMBERT, CANDACE	MILLER, KATIE	REED, APRIL	STEVENS, KRISTEN
HAYSLIP, HOLLI	LAMBERT, GINGER	MILLER, MITZI	REESE, MAEGAN	STEWART, ARIANA
HEATH, TREVA	LANDRY, JENNIFER	MILLET, KELLI	REICH, WHITNEY	STORM, JESSICA
HEBERT, ANNA	LANDRY, LAUREN	MITCHELL, JANICE	REINE, TRACY	STOUTE, KAILE
HEBERT, NICOLE	LANTRIP, LAYNE	MONTEGUT, III, EMILE	REMONDET, HEIDI	STUTZENBECKER, LISA
HEGWOOD, CORINNE	LAPEROUSE, ELIZABETH	MOORE, BRANDI	RENFRO, KELLI	SWISHER, TANIA
HERNANDEZ, KAITLIN	LEAFBLAD, STEFANIE	MOORE, CHARLES	REPP, REBECCA	TALBERT, JENA
HILL, ELIZABETH	LEBLANC, KAYLA	MOORE, HOLLY	REUTER, MEREDITH	TAYLOR, HOPE
HITCH, KELLY	LEBLANC, LAURA	MOORE, MEG	RHOTON, MARY	TEMPLIN, MEGAN
HOLLAND, SARAH	LEBOEUF, LEXIE	MORRILL, DANIELLE	RICHARDS, MONICA	TERRELL, MARY
HOLMES, KRISTY	LEE, CHARLOTTE	MULLEN, BRANDI	RICHARDSON, JESSICA	THAMES, SARAH
HOMER, MARGARET	LEE, RYAN	NATIONS, JESSICA	RICKERSON, BRITTANY	THIBODEAUX, TERESA
HOOTSELL, JENNIFER	LEGERE, LEAH	NEGRON, ERIN	RIGAL, TIFFANY	THOMAS, IDA
HOPPER, KATHERINE	LEONARD, MEGAN	NETTERVILLE, VIRGINIA	RIPPETOE, TRACY	THOMAS, TANESHA
HORTON, LYDIA	LINDSEY, COURTNI	NICHOLLS, HEATHER	RITCHIE, AMANDA	TIRCUIT, LAURA
HOUNCHELL, JANA	LINGEFELT, SARAH	NOBLE, LORI	RIVIERE, ANDREW	TOTARO, MALORIE
HOUSLEY, SARAH	LINN, AMBER	NORMAND, LAUREN	ROBERTS, MOLLY	TRAHAN, ALISA
HOWE, COURTNEY	LIRETTE, JACKIE	NORMAND, RACHEL	RODRIGUE, KATELYN	TRAHANT, MEGAN
HRUSKA, ASHLEY	LIRETTE, SHANNON	NORSWORTHY, KRISTEN	RODRIGUE, KATIE	TRAMONTANA, GEORGE
HUFFMAN, AVERY	LOISEL, CLAIRE	OAKES, MARIA	ROGERS, MELISSA	TRIPLETT, MEAGHAN
HUGHES, KIMBERLY	LOPER, PAMELA	O'BRYANT, JENNA	ROSSON, EMILY	TROUILLE, BETHANY
HUNDLEY, CRYSTAL	LUCAS, TAMIKA	OLIVIER, JENNIFER	ROY, LINDSEY	TROXCLAIR, DENISE
HUTCHINSON, HALEY	LUDEAU, ERIN	ORSO, VALERIE	ROY, TARA	TUCKER, FAYE
IRVINE, ANDREA	LUERSEN, LAURIE	OWEN, PLEASANCE	RUFFIN, SHARLENE	TULBERT, COURTNEY
JACKSON, MELISSA	LYLES, ALLYCE	PARDUE, LISA	RUPPENICKER, EVA	TUREAU, CARESS
JACOBS, JACIE	MABRY, HOLLY	PARFAIT, EMILY	RUSSELL, LEAH	UNDERWOOD, STACY
JEFFERSON, SHAHALYNNI	MAJESTY, SHANA	PARKS, ANDREA	RYAN, ERICA	UPTON, AMY
JENNINGS, JAMIE	MAJOR, ANNA	PAYNE, ERICA	RYAN, SHEENA	VADELL, VERONICA
JETER, DANA	MALAKI, KRISTEN	PEARCE, MEGAN	SABIR, VANESSA	VARNADO, KIMBERLY
JOHNSON, ERYN	MALONEY, KELLY	PEBLER, VALERIE	SAGER, JASON	VENTRESS, RAMONA
JOHNSON, GENA	MANGRUM, LINNAYA	PENA, AMY	SALOOM, BRIDGET	
JOHNSON, JENNIFER	MANN, STEPHANIE	PENTES, REBECCA	SALTER, LINDSAY	
JOHNSON, LAUREN	MARALDO, MONIQUE	PERGOLA, SUZANNE	SANCHEZ, ELISA	
JOHNSON, NICOLE	MARLIN, TAMMY	PERRY, BLAIRE	SAVAGE, HILLARY	

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CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS: ARE THEY RELATED OR IN THE AREA?

VERLENCIA D. MILLET, MA, L-SLP, CCC-SLP

Do you obtain all of the continuing education (CE) clock hours required for licensure renewal through attendance at a professional conference such as LSHA, SPALS, AAA, or ASHA? Well, so do many other licensees. Licensees often assume that since their ten clock hours were completed at a conference hosted by a speech-language pathology and/or audiology association, that all of the CE hours are inevitably in the area of licensure. However, this is not so.

Even when attending highly-esteemed dynamic conferences, not every session will necessarily address the provision of clinical services. When completing the continuing education summary form (or on-line continuing education section) at the time of licensure renewal, licensees must be prepared to critically evaluate and categorize each conference session, workshop, distance learning course, employer-sponsored training, or other continuing education activity.

The session “Reflective Practice for Self-Awareness & Emotional Balance in Professional Relationships” was presented by a dually credentialed speech-language pathologist and mental health counselor at the previous ASHA convention. Although this presentation targeted improving professional relationships as a speech-language pathologist, it did not specifically target the provision of clinical services. Therefore, this is an example of continuing education that is “related” rather than “in the area” (of licensure).

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VENTURA, JANE
VERDIN, KATIE
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VIDRINE, BRITTANY
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VILLARRUBIA, ANGELLE
VINING, MEGAN
VOISELLE, MAGEN
VOORHIES, REBECCA
WAILES, BRANDI
WALKER, MOLLIE
WALLACE, LINDSEY
WARD, KRISTIN
WARNER, KATHERINE
WARREN, BRITTANY
WASCOM, ANGELA
WASHINGTON, KAMERA
WATSON, ERINN
WEATHERSPOON, LATASHA
WEBBER, JESSICA
WELCH, JULIE
WELCH, SAMANTHA

WELLS, ASHLEY
WEST, MARILYN
WHITE, KATHERINE
WHITE, WENDY
WHITFIELD, AMBER
WHITMAN, ANNIE
WHITTINGTON, ALICIA
WIGGINS, AMY
WILLIAMS, JAMI
WILLIE, BRITTANY
WILSON, SHABA
WISEMAN, KATE
WITCHER, KIMBERLY
WOOD, LISA
WOODALL, GINGER
WOODS, ERIN
WRIGHT, BRITTNEY
WRIGHT, CORI
ZAUNBRECHER, KALA
ZERINGUE, CHRISTIE
ZERINGUE, KRISTIE

“Managing Dysphagia in the Schools: Identification & Treatment” was another session that was presented at the previous ASHA convention. This session’s content directly addressed practical methods for identifying students who have swallowing and feeding difficulty, generating a swallowing and feeding plan, training school personnel, and designing therapeutic intervention. Therefore, this is an example of continuing education that is “in the area.”

LBESPA Rule 123.B specifies “Of the 10 hours, five shall be in the area of licensure (practice of audiology or speech-language pathology), and five may be in areas related to the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.” To simplify, a licensee may obtain all ten required hours in the area of licensure, but only five hours of training in related areas may be credited toward the ten required clock hours of continuing education. Before submitting the CE Summary Form to the Board or completing the CE section of the on-line renewal form, it is vital that each licensee evaluate the topic and content relative to clock hours earned.

CE hours should be obtained during the licensing period which is July 1st to June 30th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the board members or staff.



Update on Board Vacancies

The call for nominations for three board member positions yielded two responses by the February 15 deadline. The responses included one qualified candidate for the Audiology position, which was available beginning January 14, and one qualified candidate for the Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology position that is available beginning June 21. Because there is only one qualified applicant for each position, there is no reason to send a ballot. The names of the qualified candidates will be submitted to the governor for appointment. LSHA received no response to the call for the public member position. Because this position does not become vacant until December, another call for nominations will be submitted later this year.

BEHAVIOR ANALYST COMMISSION

DAWN RICHARD, L-SLP

During the regular session of the 2012 Legislative session, Senate Resolutions Nos. 110, 142 and 159 were passed. These resolutions stated that a commission of professionals, of which a representative from the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists was a required member, was to study the licensure and regulation of behavior analysts and to generate a report with a basic framework for that licensure and regulation. The commission met regularly from July, 2012 to February, 2013. A report was submitted to the Senate on February 1, 2013 which provided a detailed outline of the many discussions and informal work of subcommittees and individuals.

The findings of the commission revealed that all members involved agreed that the practice of behavior analysis should require licensing and regulation. A major point discussed and outlined in the report was the qualifications for licensure of any individual practicing behavior analysis or using the title "Licensed Behavior Analyst" or "Behavior Analyst", assistant behavior analysts and behavior analyst direct contact/line technicians. Consideration of exemptions to the licensure criteria provided engaging discourse. The exemptions included were undergraduate/graduate/doctoral students, non-human behavior analyst, training/experience exemption, behavior analyst line technician and family member exemption, visiting behavior analyst academic professional exemption, other professionals and psychologist. The commission members unanimously agreed that the regulatory authority should have the ability to determine the processes for disciplinary guidelines, licensure appeals, complaints and investigations, license renewals, and license reinstatement. Lengthy discussions followed by presentations from professional groups, resulted in the commission's recommendation of a merged board (Behavior Analyst with another board) and the licensing authority to be the Louisiana Professional Counselors Board. Although LBESPA participated in discussions relative to licensing of behavioral analysts, LBESPA withheld endorsement of this licensure pending the determination of a comprehensive scope of practice for behavioral analysts. Because behavioral analysts and speech-language pathologists often provide similar services, LBESPA was reluctant to endorse any potential encroachment on the practice of speech-language pathology without first evaluating the proposed scope of practice, academic training, and practicum requirements. LBESPA will continue to monitor and provide input to the group on an as needed and as requested basis.

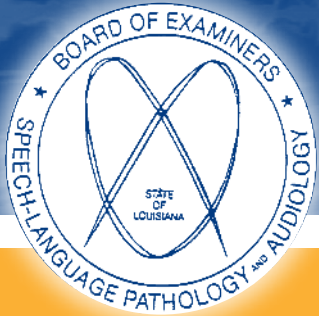
As the School Speech-Language Pathologist on LBESPA, I gladly accepted the appointment to the commission and greatly enjoyed the ability to network and connect with other professionals. Being involved in the exciting and exhausting process of establishing licensure and regulation of professionals has been such an awakening experience. According to the commission recommendations, any individual who uses the principles of behavior analysis, (as many Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists do) will still be able to do so without obtaining a license as a Behavior Analyst. If in the scope of your services you represent yourself as a Behavior Analyst, you will need to apply for this license once the legislature makes this a State law.

LBESPA PROVIDES LICENSURE INFORMATION FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS

For a number of years members of the licensure board have been available to speak with students in training programs across the state. A presentation entitled "How to Transition from School to Work" was initially developed by Theresa Rodgers and has been modified as the rules have changed. In addition to the power point presentation, students are provided with applications for licensure and all other information necessary to ensure that they understand the difference between licensure and certification, as well as to develop an understanding of the need to apply for licensure before beginning work in Louisiana. University training programs may request that a board member present the licensure information by contacting the board office.



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