

About the Authors



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Robin and Catherine have been practicing speech-language pathologists for a combined total of over 65 years. They have a special interest in working with children who have severe communication disorders, including children with childhood apraxia of speech, oral-motor dysfunction, phonological disorders, autism, and Down Syndrome. Their skill is in developing functional, research-based therapy programs and therapy plans for children with severe communication disorders. They have extensive experience working with children from toddlerhood throughout the school years. Robin and Catherine have worked together for more than 25 years and consider themselves to be “two bodies and one brain.”

They both hold the Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are licensed as speech-language pathologists in Kentucky. Robin serves on the advisory board of the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA).

In addition to this book, Robin and Catherine are the joint authors of *Easy Does It for Apraxia and Motor Planning*, *Easy Does It for Apraxia: Preschool*, *Easy Does It for Articulation: An Oral-Motor Approach*, *The Source for Down Syndrome*, and *SPARC for Concepts*. Catherine is also the author of *The Basic Concept Workbook* and *Basic Concept Pictures*.

Robin and Catherine have presented numerous seminars on Childhood Apraxia of Speech and Oral-Motor Facilitation of Speech throughout the United States and Canada. They present dynamic, informative, and fun workshops.

Robin and Catherine were the joint recipients of the 2004 Clinical Achievement Award from the Kentucky Speech-Hearing-Language Association, which is the highest professional award offered at the state level. They were nominated for “the innovative development and delivery of a Childhood Apraxia of Speech treatment protocol that is being used throughout the United States and has been incorporated into university curricula.” They also serve as mentors and consultants to parents and speech-language pathologists throughout the country.

Dedication



October 9, 1998 – July 4, 2005

This book is dedicated to Courtney Bruce Carpenter, a courageous 6-year-old who will always be a part of our lives. Courtney taught us about living in the moment with joy, the importance of loving those around us, the importance of never giving up, and the importance of a good laugh.

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