



Rochester Hearing and Speech Center

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For Immediate Release

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center has been awarded a grant from the Golisano Foundation to provide evidence-based treatment model training to families and service providers.

Rochester, New York, February 15, 2021 - Rochester Hearing and Speech Center (RHSC) is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a grant from the Golisano Foundation to provide DIRFloortime® treatment model training to families and service providers. This training will be provided by the Interdisciplinary Council of Development and Learning (ICDL) and master trainer, Jackie Bartell. DIRFloortime® is an evidence-based model that is used to help people with autism with a wide range of emotional, sensory, regulatory, motor, learning, and developmental challenges.

“Although our clinicians always strive to have as many tools available to them as possible while working with children, the COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the need for providers to expand their repertoire of services as new challenges present themselves. The opportunity to offer this evidence-based training model is timely and needed,” said Beth McLellan, Director of Educational and Clinical Services at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center.

DIRFloortime® is an evidence-based therapy that has been proven to support individuals with autism. Having this additional model of therapy available to service providers across Rochester will benefit staff, children and families. Service providers at RHSC and other agencies that serve children will be able to use what they learn to have an immediate impact on children and their families.

In the spring, parents, healthcare workers, mental healthcare providers, teachers and community members will be invited to join workshops to learn about the effectiveness of DIRFloortime®. To receive more information about these workshops, please contact Amy Stein at astein@rhsc.org.

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center is grateful to the Golisano Foundation for making it possible for our local clinicians to be able to receive this important training that will have a positive impact on children and families in Rochester.



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About Rochester Hearing and Speech Center

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center is committed to helping children and adults develop the skills and abilities necessary to “Communicate for Life”. Our goal is to help individuals and those they love to share life’s most precious moments by assisting individuals in developing the best possible hearing and speech abilities at every stage of their lives.

Founded in 1922, RHSC is the longest standing and most experienced provider of speech, language and hearing services in Monroe Country. RHSC not only provides hearing health services for people of all ages, they also help to improve the quality of life of young children and their families by providing speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology services and special education. RHSC is a member of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies with offices in Brighton, Greece, and Webster.

RHSC is proud to be a not-for-profit agency serving Western New York for 99 years.

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