

2021 SDSLHA Convention Keynote Address

Date of Course: Recorded Available March -April

Length of session: 1 hr

Title: Advocacy, Leadership, and Volunteerism: Strategies for Member Success

Abstract:

This presentation will focus on skill development in advocacy, leadership, and volunteerism related to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. Strategies for successful advocacy, opportunities to lead, and ways to get involved will be discussed. An update of ASHA action items and activities will also be presented.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

- 1) Describe 3 reasons why it is important to advocate
- 2) Identify up to 3 skills acquired through ASHA's Leadership Academy
- 3) Identify 3 reasons why members choose not to volunteer

Biography:

A. Lynn Williams, Ph.D., CCC-SLP is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences and Professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Williams provides oversight and curriculum development for a number of allied health professions within her college. She has a strong interest in the impact of communication disorders as examined through the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) of the World Health Organization (WHO) and advocates for the value of our professions in improving population health. Her research focuses on models of assessment and intervention of communication disorders in children, and she is interested in translational research and implementation science. As an international expert on intervention for speech sound disorders in children, her intervention and translational research has been funded through NIH. Dr. Williams has a strong track record of over 175 publications and presentations. Dr. Williams recently served as the ASHA Vice-President for Academic Affairs in Speech-Language Pathology (2016-2018) and has served as an associate editor for LSHSS and AJSLP. Dr. Williams was selected to participate in the inaugural IPEC Interprofessional Deans Leadership Program held in 2017 and is the first ASHA member to be an invited speaker for the IPEC Faculty Institute (May 2019). Dr. Williams is a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academy of Practice, an ASHA Fellow, and was an Erskine Fellow at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2011. Dr. Williams chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Education in SLP (2018-2019) and is the 2020 ASHA President-Elect.

Disclosures:

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