

By User	Message
Renee Matlock	I use the five day per week schedule--length per day is customized to the student's/parent's needs.
Adele Sherman	I am not cconnected other than by chat.supprot would be appreciated.
Renee Matlock	I encourage the longest scheduled time per day that
Nick Andreotta	Hi Adele, so there is an icon at the bottom with a lightbulb. That is the idea widget where everyone is posting ideas.
Renee Matlock	I discuss with the parents what the parent is able to allocate to the program and then look at what the child can tolerate.
Nick Andreotta	Hi Adele. Carrie just emailed you to troubleshoot
Brian Nashman	I always tell the parent that bribing is ok.
Nick Andreotta	Hi Brian!
Ann Whitten	Hi...This is Ann W.
Lila Macaluso	You're kidding right? About cash back
Kristi Rigg	We use the analogy of physical fitness training. You only see the benefits and results if you train regularly with frequency and intensity. It's hard at first, your muscles might be sore and you are tired but after 2 weeks you start to notice changes.

Lila Macaluso	Okay... charging more for cash back might work
Karen Kennedy	Be careful with using points-- as the exercises become more difficult, the child may not get as many points. I use actual progress instead.
Nick Andreotta	<a href="http://help.scilearn.com/toolbox/docs-providers.htm">http //help.scilearn.com/toolbox/docs-providers.htm</a>
carrie gajowski	Hi Adele - I just responded to your email.
Pamela Norton	I thought these discussions were going in the Idea section?
Anna Krueger	Great question!
Karen Kennedy	I need to know if any professionlas other than MD's and SLP's can "prescribe" FF and ask insurance companies to pay.
Brian Nashman	Question Any experience and different protocols with English as a second language,
Karen Kennedy	I've had very good results with adults -- they are so very grateful they can hear conversations even though the restaurant is noisy! if they set their own goal, such as hearing in noisy places, there is no resistance!
hamed al azry	I'm new to FF. Planning to use it for English as second language
Carl Rapp	They are adults who live in group homes, in apartments by themselves, or at home. They have never been taught to read. They are 35 to 55 years old.
Brian Nashman	This summer am working with mother and twin boys from Syria.

Ann Whitten	I have provided FF to selected families in the past but not recently. Could others could give me some idea about how much of their time is spent monitoring the results of their off site elementary age children. I need an idea how much extra to charge.
Pamela Norton	With 20+ students online, I spend about 2 hours a week, plus time to consult with parents about results. Our clinic is free so I don't charge.
Anna Krueger	I'm in Canada and I work as a telehealth service provider, using FF, RA etc. Here is how I present my billing. <a href="https://neuroplan.ca/our-approach-services-and-funding/">https //neuroplan.ca/our-approach-services-and-funding/</a> . I just bill for 2 to 3 hours a month of my time as a speech language pathologist.
Carl Rapp	I have worked as a Special Olympics for approximately 25 years and found that there is nothing like this out there for them to learn.
Carl Rapp	That is Special Olympics coach.
Ann Whitten	Thanks for the input. I have a private practice in OG type therapy for students who struggle with reading. I cannot bill medical insurance--so it sounds like not too much time involved once kids are working on the program?
Pamela Norton	Carl, that is such a great idea.
Lila Macaluso	Ann, I spend about 1 hour per week with each client - charting progress and giving "helps" as needed.
Anna Krueger	In Canada, speech language pathologist services are tax deductible as a medical expense.
Nick Andreotta	<a href="http://www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/iowanevadadoe_2017.pdf">http //www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/iowanevadadoe_2017.pdf</a>
Pamela Norton	Nick, it would be great if there could be threads for each topic. Maybe next time?
Nick Andreotta	good feedback Pam. Thank you sincerely. Will certainly keep in mind for next time!

Ann Whitten	Lila Thanks for your input...that's kind-of what I was thinking.
Kristi Rigg	We use the Gibson Cognitive assessment and DORA as a pre and post assessment
Lila Macaluso	Remember, some kids will require more of your time than others.
Anna Krueger	Yes, I really like the Diagnostic Online Reading Assessment. It is completely online and provides an automated report.
Anna Krueger	The DORA is perfect for pre and post testing once a year.
Anna Krueger	I buy it in bulk at \$5 per test and use it with all my new referrals of school age kids.
Lila Macaluso	I use GORT, CELF, WIATT (Reading subtests), Token, and Phonics Awareness Assessment
Anna Krueger	It is from Let's Go Learn. <a href="http://www.letsgolearn.com/">http //www.letsgolearn.com/</a>
Doug Porter	Then why is RPI used as an placement tool if it's for groups of 20 or 20+ as an indicator?
Karen Kennedy	It was not designed as a placement tool, but as a way for a school to look at its overall progress
Anna Krueger	I no longer use the Gibson Cognitive because there are too few items per category. Too often the post testing is worse than the pretesting. If the person makes one mistake in a category, their score can drop by 20%.
Lila Macaluso	Use the readiness set

Nick Andreotta	good point Anna, thank you for sharing
Nick Andreotta	Great suggestion Lila, thank you!
Adele Sherman	I recently found the demo of Sky Gym counter productive because the kid couldn't do it.
Pamela Norton	Do your pre-post tests show positive results? When I used the CELF, things could go up or down, rarely with significance. Also, the CELF was only supposed to be used once every six months (at least in the past).
Lila Macaluso	Don't use it on post assessing...just gives me excellent info before starting
Lila Macaluso	My post assessments are reading/phonics based only
Renee Matlock	I always ask my parents what changes are they observing in their child.
Lila Macaluso	As an educational psychologist, I really choose tests carefully and only use parts of them as needed.
Renee Matlock	Watch the school standardized testing--I almost always see change from year to year.
Anna Krueger	Really dramatic changes can be seen on video if kids are describing a "What's wrong?" image. This is wonderful for pre and post.
Nick Andreotta	Thanks for highlighting that Renee! Another important side of it, the behavioral side.
Kristi Rigg	Sorry, lost the connection. Gibson assessment gives us a good snapshot of cognitive functioning. It's an online assessment <a href="http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/">http //www.gibsonstest.com/web/</a> . DORA is a Diagnostic online Reading assessment <a href="http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/">http //www.gibsonstest.com/web/</a>

Nick Andreotta	<a href="http://www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/parent-observational-checklist.pdf">http //www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/parent-observational-checklist.pdf</a>
Karen Kennedy	I just document how well the student can do on the two-tone sequence task at the beginning, and then how he does at the end. Also, show the parent the child cannot distinguish specific phoneme pairs before FF, and show the the data on those at the end.
Adele Sherman	I think a month. I think kids really need to have some time off in the summer. These kids work so hard during the year.
Ann Whitten	What types of improvement are other providers seeing in children with difficulty in word finding difficulties, who have disfluent speech, and difficulty smoothly relating information? Reading in both children continues to improve through direct tutoring.
Lila Macaluso	Hummm...I agree that they need breaks, however summer is when I see the most growth in the quickest time
Lila Macaluso	Brains are fresher
Renee Matlock	A good way to get balance is doing the 30 minute protocol!
Renee Matlock	I encourage parents to sit down on Sunday evening, look at the family schedule and plan FFW accordingly.
Renee Matlock	I would expect to see improved verbal organization and sequencing in narrative language.
Ann Whitten	Thank you for the feedback. The verbal organization and narrative language are the areas in which I would love to see some improvement in two of my current students.
Doug Porter	Do 2 15 min sessions for 3 or more days per week!
Karen Kennedy	Great Session! Can we have access to the chat and idea content after we close? I just cant take notes fast enough!

Nick Andreotta	Certainly! The recording will be sent out once formatted.
CARRIE GAJOWSKI	We have a webinar survey if you all want to share your thoughts on our session today. Click on the Green Survey icon at the bottom of your screen. There is also a Green Resources icon there as well (these icons are sitting next to each other). Thanks!!!
Anna Krueger	This was inspiring. Thank you SciLearn.
Rosa Falato	Thank you everyone!
Nick Andreotta	Thank you! Bye!

Author	Description/Comment	Type
Lila Macaluso	I use a variety of protocols - allowing me to reach various needs and ages	IDEA
Joan Klein	Depending on age and ability to stay focused is how I decide how long each week	IDEA
Anna Krueger	I tell parents to keep an empty cup beside the computer. The program makes a noise when the child levels up or beats an old score. The kids can put a coin in their cup or parents can drop a treat or sticker in the cup.	IDEA
Anna Krueger	I try to set the goal as 3 hours a week for young kids and more for older kids. My caseload is remote. Kids often take a laptop on holidays with them	IDEA
Anna Krueger	I often have kids on more than one program. They might do Language on Monday, FF Reading 1 on Tuesday, back to Language on Wed and so on.	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	From low to higer - always	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	Want them to get off to a good start, then increase with confidence	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	14 years	IDEA
	Bribing - yes or no?	IDEA
Pamela Norton	I used to see this as negative but an external motivator is often necessary for kids as they don't understand the benefit of what they're doing. We give "Fast ForWord dollars" that they can cash in on and try to provide motivating rewards they can purchase. Sometimes the parents provide those. Currently, Pokemon and Shopkin figures are a hit. I vary what they get dollars for, depending on where they're struggling.	COMMENT
Pamela Norton	What does not seem to work well is for the parents to offer money for improvement. It gets old fast.	COMMENT
Anna Krueger	I used to sit beside them in my clinic. During that time I developed a chart that I use to help with Sky Gym. It provides extra visual training. Here is a link to my post about it. <a href="https://neuroplan.ca/beat-fast-forward-sky-gym/">https://neuroplan.ca/beat-fast-forward-sky-gym/</a>	IDEA
Joan Klein	When we move to the next level we have some type of celebration	IDEA
Renee Matlock	My parents typically set up a final reinforcer for the student with a picture posted! S	IDEA
Carl Rapp	I am a newbie. I am about to start a program with a group of special needs adults. I was going to start with 30 minutes per day/ 5 days per week. Does anyone have suggestions?	IDEA

Pamela Norton	You could also start with 3 times a week and work up if they're doing okay.	COMMENT
Joan Klein	I have had clients submit for FSA and have collected funds back.	IDEA
Brian Nashman	I explain to adults that it was designed for teens so that they understand. Have not had a problem even with a 65 year old.	IDEA
Karen Kennedy	I just spend some time with the potential student on the SkyGym demos! an auditory processing disorder will show up immediately.	IDEA
Paige Clark	Thanks for your replies!	IDEA
Anna Krueger	I have a lot of teens with autism who need something to do while parents are at work. I have had kids do several hours a day during the summer.	IDEA
Anna Krueger	For Ann W, I love using RA with older kids who are stuttering. First I work on establishing fluency in our sessions and then they practice and aim for Words Correct Per Minute in the 100 range. RA gives feedback on rate.	IDEA
Anna Krueger	Yes, the prosody changes in kids with autism who use RA!	IDEA
	50 minutes/5 times/week.	IDEA
Pamela Norton	We continue the 30" 3x/week schedule unless parents say the clients have time or are anxious to move forward quickly during the summer. Then we do 50" 3+/week.	IDEA
Karen Kennedy	i suggest that longer protocols be broken into two parts the first one as early in the morning as possible.	IDEA
Renee Matlock	I do both--depending on what is happening in the family's life!	IDEA
Joan Klein	I start at a longer time and lower later on in the summer	IDEA
marla resnick	Id like to know what providers use for pre and post tests	IDEA
Pamela Norton	I'm curious too. I used to use the CELF but the changes aren't measurable usually that quickly. A processing test would be best.	COMMENT
Lila Macaluso	Tried and true are make sure at the beginning that there's buy in from all involved.	IDEA
Karen Kennedy	Motivation -- daily feedback to the student on his progress--he can color on his progress chart with every advance.	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	My kids love to "beat their own scores" for rewards	IDEA
	Cash back to stay on protocol	IDEA
Anna Krueger	You might need brain breaks for people after 10 minutes. I used getting a cup of tea, throwing a bean bag, etc.	IDEA
Nick Andreotta	Any thoughts on Karen's Question? "I need to know if any professionals other than MD's and SLP's can "prescribe" FF and ask insurance companies to pay."	IDEA
marla resnick	yes, what are some pre/post tests	IDEA
Brian Nashman	In centre we use the Canadian Achievement Test but rarely use the on-line test because we cannot control the way it is done.	IDEA

Karen Kennedy	We can work have the child clap his hands or tap the table when the sound changes, strategies like that	IDEA
Jeni Balk	how many months is best for the summer?	IDEA
Jeni Balk	is there a survey for parents?	IDEA
Nick Andreotta	<a href="http://www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/parent-observational-checklist.pdf">http://www.scilearn.com/sites/default/files/pdf/parent-observational-checklist.pdf</a>	COMMENT
Kristi Rigg	/Users/kristirigg/Desktop/Screen Shot 2017-05-31 at 9.43.51 AM.png	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	My parent survey includes many items found in The Listening Program as well	IDEA
	You developed your own?	COMMENT
Jeni Balk	thank you. so is the survey given pre & post?	IDEA
	Yes!	COMMENT
Jeni Balk	i only am getting the idea box and not the chat-my appology	IDEA
CARRIE GAJOWSKI	The Group Chat is located in the Blue Icon on the right side of your toolbar at the bottom of your screen. Contact me at <a href="mailto:webinars@scilearn.com">webinars@scilearn.com</a> if you need any additional help!	COMMENT
Nick Andreotta	Hi Jeni, what happens when you click on the blue Icon with the Text bubbles? Does that bring up the chat box?	COMMENT
Jeni Balk	50 min/3x per week for 90 days?	IDEA
marla resnick	Has anyone seen improvements w/ kids w/ CAS after using FFWD?	IDEA
Anna Krueger	Oldest is hard for marketing. In Canada, older people don't like paying. They want the government to pay.	IDEA
marla resnick	thx	IDEA
Karen Kennedy	I had a child with CAS - like situation, missing part of a chromosome. Had virtually no speech before, but exploded into words and sentences over the next few months, and hasnt stopped taking yet!	IDEA
Nick Andreotta	I do a 90min protocol during the summer	IDEA
Pamela Norton	Yikes! Is that you personally or kids you work with?	COMMENT
Pamela Norton	Early on in the program it was 100" per day, 5 days a week. Murder on some kids.	COMMENT
Lila Macaluso	Or your iPad	IDEA
Lila Macaluso	Carl, I'm sorry, but I've never worked with that population	IDEA
Paige Clark	I have not used Fast ForWord yet. I'm wondering if anyone has used FastForward for children who have Angelman's syndrome?	IDEA
Anna Krueger	My one my teens with autism was in a choir and was sexually abused in the bathroom by another adult with special needs. Carl, you have to think about supervision at all times with a group of adults with special needs..	IDEA
Anna Krueger	What is the link for What Works Clearinghouse?	IDEA
CARRIE GAJOWSKI	I can get you the link. Can you email me at <a href="mailto:webinars@scilearn.com">webinars@scilearn.com</a> ?	COMMENT

marla resnick	has anyone used Rapid Automatized Naming test (RAN-RAS) as pre post test	IDEA
Anna Krueger	I really hate the internal test that Scilearn provides. It puts clients into tears. It sabotages my marketing because it is too difficult for early readers.	IDEA
Paige Clark	My client with Angeleman's syndrome is 3 years old. She has receptive language but is mostly non-verbal. She has a handful of signs she can use. Just thinking in the future if FastForward could help her.	IDEA
Brian Nashman	We have succeeded with a couple of 4 year olds, starting them with Reading Readiness and coaching them a lot or parent very skilled.	IDEA
Kristi Rigg	Sorry, lost the connection. Gibson assessment gives us a good snapshot of cognitive functioning. It's an online assessment <a href="http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/">http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/</a> . DORA is a Diagnostic online Reading assessment <a href="http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/">http://www.gibsonstest.com/web/</a>	IDEA
Joan Klein	many of us have concerns that the testing is sometimes assisted by the parent and we don't know if the results are accurate	IDEA
Jeni Balk	i have 14 year olds with reading comprehension difficulty.	IDEA
Karen Kennedy	Isn't that 3/x week protocol for kids without special needs?	IDEA
Joan Klein	while school is in session I have the students do the program Friday Saturday Sunday Monday and Tuesday and leave the other days free for studying and completing school work	IDEA
Jeni Balk	how is the exercise level to begin best determined?	IDEA
	almost all participants start with FFW Language, or if they're older, Fast ForWord Literacy.	COMMENT
Joan Klein	thank you so much.	IDEA
Jeni Balk	thank you!	IDEA