

By User	Message
Marlene Lewis	Yes I almost always use FF with apraxia, Marlene Lewis
Hallie Smith	Marlene - what tips would you have for others? how do you know when someone is ready or not?
Susan Imhoff	I worked with a 13 year old with FAS and she made good progress on Fast ForWord - Sky Gym was especially helpful. She talked about how hard that exercise was but very very helpful. She told me to tell people to do Fast ForWord for people like her!
Annie Gleason	Nick, do I answer your questions on group chat or TOPIC?
Hallie Smith	Great, Susan!
Hallie Smith	Annie - answer within the TOPICs please so we can keep the convos by topic. :)
Marlene Lewis	I see how they do on the demo exercises in Language to know if they are ready to use it. I see them for direct motor practice therapy also and coach them directly myself in the program.
Annie Gleason	Will do. Thanks!
Hallie Smith	Great Marlene, makes perfect sense.
Marlene Lewis	I had a client, approx 10% understandable at 9 yr; used FF programs with her for about 4 years. She's now completely clear.
Marlene Lewis	FF and RA. I find that RA is also VERY helpful for speech practice for kids with apraxia.
Hallie Smith	Wow - Marlene, awesome outcome. I'm sure it had a ton to do, also, with your expertise.
Hallie Smith	Great TOPIC!
Christine Duffy	I live in N. Carolina and have been asked to offer FF to 19 year old twins in Ohio. Question: how to do assessment? Will skype work?
Hallie Smith	Great question - we'll make sure Nick asks Dr. Burns
Diane Harter	I used Literacy and Reading 3 with a pre-college student. She felt much more confident starting college after treatment.
Hallie Smith	nice!
Annie Gleason	http://college.cengage.com/education/salvia/assessment/10e/resources/salvia_test_detroit_learning_apptitude.pdf
Annie Gleason	Link to paper on DTLA-4
Hallie Smith	Thanks, Annie!

Christine Duffy		TOPIC how to do long distance assessment
Hallie Smith		Christine - we will get back to that. stay tuned. i let nick now to circle back. :)
Nick Andreotta		http://help.scilearn.com/toolbox/docs-providers.htm
Hallie Smith		What other motivational TOPICS do you all have?
Hallie Smith		What have you found works the best?
Hallie Smith		You should expect to be frustrated, angered and fatigued if your brain is changing!
Diane Harter		A picture of a desired reward cut up into puzzle pieces to earn each week.
Hallie Smith		I believe Dr. Nina Kraus said that at the Visionary Conference.
Nick Andreotta		no worries Christine. I will definitely circle back to get that answered for you :)
Beth O'Brien		Can you provide information about the article Marty is talking about? I would like to see it -perhaps I missed it!
Annie Gleason		I posted some great TOPICS I'm currently using under the "TOPIC" tab titled, Motivation and Coaching Strategies. These tips are more for providers of multiple students vs. parents.
Hallie Smith		It's from Nina's presentation at the Visionary Conference. Can you private message Carrie - cgajowski@scilearn.com ?
Hallie Smith		She'll email you the link.
Beth O'Brien		Thanks!
Hallie Smith		thx, Annie!
Hallie Smith		And Diane! Great TOPICS.
Annie Gleason		Hallie - I can post one to the provider page, BUT I got off FB for my own personal reasons. I'll need to create a new page and get "accepted" again!
Hallie Smith		Annie - I get it :). I do think that it's very helpful as a provider to be in that group and we'd LOVE to get your input as well. We're happy to let you in again! :)
Hallie Smith		and it can be a secret profile too - so you can still not really be "on" facebook.
Marlene Lewis		Re the RPI, what is the reference group for the percentile data that the RPI generates?
Hallie Smith		Yes, in the toolbox!
Hallie Smith		Parent questionnaire is there - let me dig up the link.
Jessica Miklos		RE Martha's comments about improvements - I would love to see reports that focus on areas of mastery in addition to the reports about errors!
Hallie Smith		I see that it's not yet on the new toolbox. I'll post the parent questionnaire on the facebook group.

Hallie Smith		And I can help create an adolescent version - would love all your input on functional areas for teens.
Hallie Smith		Thx for the thought, Jessica. I do talk with our engineering team about adding areas of mastery that are more aligned with classroom/academic skills. They are on the list of improvements to come!
Hallie Smith		What Marty just said!
Christine Duffy		I also encourage and teach parents to be sure that child is enlisted in fun successful activity ie baseball, soccer etc
Beth O'Brien		Looking forward to seeing that article, Nick. Thanks for sharing it.
Nick Andreotta		my pleasure Beth. Thank you
Annie Gleason		Hallie - I just created a page with my dog's name, Lulu Gleason. Can you send me a link to join: learntactics2268@gmail.com
Hallie Smith		yes!
Annie Gleason		thx!
Nick Andreotta		Just posted Beth
Annie Gleason		It was helpful to learn of the 80/20 concept from Dr Burns
Diane Harter		You can set up an RPI to let a parent see where their child tests before starting FFWD. Tech support can help you set it up.
Marlene Lewis		was reminded about the Detroit Test of Learning Apritude, also remonded of getting message ut to college and high school students to get an edge up
Hallie Smith		Great, Annie!
Hallie Smith		Yes, Marlene. I learned of the the DTLA myself for the first time!
Kelly Benson-Vogt		thanks so much for this!
Hallie Smith		Kelly - thank you for joining us!
Erin Klepp		This was interesting listening in on the webinar. We will be using Fast Forward this upcoming year in our school.
Hallie Smith		nice, erin. welcome to the fast forward family!
Hallie Smith		we will have more of these, so please join!
Christy Adams		The 80/20 concept and the reminder to remind parents that changing the brain takes work! :)
Erin Klepp		Thank you.

Hallie Smith		Christy - that's a good reminder for all of us, I think. :)
Marlene Lewis		thanks for addressing this. That's my experience and I wanted at ask about this.
Annie Gleason		What about ASD who struggle with perfectionism?
Annie Gleason		Is the "clunk" too much for these kids?
Diane Harter		There is a Learning Efficiency Test (LET-II) that tests short term and long term memory. Also shows a pattern for attention issues.
Hallie Smith		Annie - I have some info on the clunk. i'll post to the facebook page; i believe we sent some info about this before so i'll dig itup.
Hallie Smith		Great suggestion, diane.
Annie Gleason		Awesome! Thanks!
Jessica Miklos		Annie the clunk is an issue for some and not others. I've got twins where it is an issue for one and not the other.
Erin Hyer		It's a new brain - start from beginning even with 2nd time around.
Hallie Smith		Hey Erin! :) Good point.
Jessica Miklos		Thank you.
Annie Gleason		Hallie - I'll get a video of my husband posted to the provider page in the next 10 minutes. Thanks to everyone!
Hallie Smith		Awesome! Look forward to seeing it.
Annie Gleason		Thanks, Nick!
Erin Hyer		Hey Hallie. Great to hear from you!
Annie Gleason		Thank you, Jessica M!
Diane Harter		Thanks Marty!
Erin Hyer		Thank you.
Type	First Name	Description/Comment
TOPIC	Carrie	Special Populations

COMMENT	Annie	two students with metabolic disorders, acts like TBI
COMMENT	Nick	What special populations do you work with?
COMMENT	Annie	One currently started
COMMENT	Annie	She is doing really well so far. 3 weeks into Literacy.
COMMENT	Annie	My original concerns were that I don't have medical background and didn't want to upset an already very delicate system. I appreciate Dr. Burns' comment about fatigue! So true.
COMMENT	Annie	Neurologist, Dr. Joyce Kobori works with both my metabolic students. She assured the parents (and myself) that FFW would be very helpful. I am super excited as my 17 year old metabolic disorder student has started so strong
COMMENT	Hallie	Great, Annie!
TOPIC	Carrie	Motivation and Coaching Strategies
COMMENT	Annie	I'm having significant success with \$5 gift cards. I use them in two ways: 1) For students who play 5 days consecutively, they instantly earn a \$5 card. Then, as the kids play during the week, each time the beat a previous score, I add a ticket to a raffle jar. On Fridays, I pull three raffle tickets. 1st prize = \$10 gift card, 2nd & 3rd pick = \$5 gift card
COMMENT	Hallie	Pic of a desired reward cut up into pieces (Diane H)
COMMENT	Hallie	Annie - I would *love* to see one of those videos. Would you be willing to share on the providers page?
COMMENT	Hallie	Kids love those nothing bundt cakes. :)
COMMENT	Hallie	Wow - these are such awesome TOPICs. I love that your husband plays along and that you send out a video. So creative!
COMMENT	Annie	I surveyed all my students and have a pocket chart full of cards from: starbucks, legos, jamba juice, sees candy, nothing bundt cakes, itunes and amazon!
COMMENT	Annie	My husband helps me by being my silly Game Show host for filming the Raffle Drawing. I text the video to all my students to learn who won! They seem to like it! (My population is mainly middle - high school students).
TOPIC	Hallie	Do you work with children with apraxia?
COMMENT	Hallie	Totally nonverbal kids can start speaking after FFW. Most have a processing issues (-MBurns)
COMMENT	Hallie	Have to be careful about how you position it - the child will still need a lot of motor speech therapy. Have had real breakthroughs!
COMMENT	Hallie	Lots of kids flatline the first time around - but not the second time around. not always a one-time thing for those kids.
TOPIC	Hallie	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Tips and Tricks?
COMMENT	Hallie	Intensive intervention especially helpful. Repeated exposure can be very beneficial.
TOPIC	Hallie	Adults/Adolescents: Tips and Tricks?

COMMENT	Hallie	Sky Gym can really help TBI.
COMMENT	Hallie	TBI as the older population: BrainHQ is not designed for TBI.
COMMENT	Hallie	A great strategy for Jr. College.
COMMENT	Hallie	Start with Literacy for a short time, then move to Reading 4 and 5 (MBurns)
COMMENT	Hallie	If students have been unsuccessful with college, provider Beverly Gough has helped students re-enter college and be successful.
COMMENT	Hallie	From Diane H: I used Literacy and Reading 3 with a pre-college student. She felt much more confident starting college after treatment.
COMMENT	Hallie	MBurns: This is an underserved population.
TOPIC		I live in N. Carolina and have been asked to offer FF to 19 year old twins in Ohio. Question: how to do assessment? Will skype work?
COMMENT	Hallie	DTLA - a good view of their auditory working memory vs. long term memory. There are other cognitive tests for adults as well.
COMMENT	Hallie	Detroit Test of Learning Aptitude
COMMENT	Hallie	A great test of memory, and learning capacity. That's what it's all about! This is great for the older students.
COMMENT	Hallie	Annie G http://college.cengage.com/education/salvia/assessment/10e/resources/salvia_test_detroit_learning_apptitude.pdf
TOPIC	Hallie	How to motivate *parents*?
COMMENT	Hallie	First step with parents: this is work, it's hard work. One of the reasons it costs is because it'd designed to change the brain and this is not easy. (MBurns)
COMMENT	Hallie	Always good to keep the kids happy - that makes the parents happy!
COMMENT	Hallie	Wings Speech in CA - when kids log and track exercises, they get points and can spend at the FFW Store.
COMMENT	Hallie	Cash back! \$100 back after the first product for sticking to the protocol
COMMENT	Hallie	Takes hours and hours of dedicated work - and parents have to be there to motivate and stick to the protocol.
COMMENT	Hallie	Offer incentives! To the parents and child. Doesn't have to be a prize...can be a special event...becomes a routine if they comply.
	Diane	I have found that by helping parents to realize their part in the process is important.
TOPIC	Beth	would an ohio therapist do testing for you?
TOPIC	Marlene	Re the RPI, what is the reference group for the percentile data the report generates?
COMMENT	Hallie	We'll have to circle back and ask our Research folks.
TOPIC	Hallie	Zone of Proximal Development

COMMENT	Hallie	80/20 combo - it actually produces the neurochemicals that drive the brain to change. A little bit of frustration is a good thing.
COMMENT	Hallie	Educational concept - mastery of anything requires for you to be at 80% right, 20% challenging.
COMMENT	Hallie	A little bit of stress and challenge are good for us!
TOPIC	Nick	Reflections
COMMENT	Jessica	Regarding the comment about kids with Apraxia doing Language V2 more than once: I am considering this for a student with ASD. Are there any considerations that would indicate when this would be a good TOPIC?
COMMENT	Jessica	Do they restart from the beginning, or just restart from where they left off previously (when they flat-lined)
COMMENT	Hallie	either way works - depends on regression levels.
COMMENT	Jessica	For the child that I am thinking of, it is not for regression, but because I think that they can now move forward with skills gained from other programs (reading Level 1 and Language to Reading)
COMMENT	Hallie	Sounds like in that case, best to continue on from the last license if possible.
TOPIC	Erin	I have used DTLA for decades!