

Private Practice

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Welcome to summer! I have been reviewing the emails, questions and calls for private practice this year. More than half of the questions have been about "how to start a practice" and "how do I know if I can do it?"

We all have doubts, but I will tell you this. Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists have the most amazing abilities and characteristics of any professionals I have ever known. We need to acknowledge our strengths, support our colleagues and announce our presence. Often we just hang back and play down our abilities. That's just a shame!! We do wonderful work and it is time we promote the creative, caring, and talented people that choose to be in our professions.

Please consider viewing the Short Course, Start Smart, Developing a Business Plan for Success on SpeechPathology.com. This course really highlights what it takes to go into business. Believe me-- it's well worth the time. I have listed some online mentoring sites before, but here they are again.

www.score.org
www.sba.gov
www.toolkit.cch.com

Thanks for the wonderful year as the private practice rep. Keep the questions coming. I'll keep looking for the answers.

Have the best Summer Ever!