



Ohio Speech-Language Supervisory and Audiology Network

To: Prospective School-Based SLP or Audiologist

From: SLP Supervisors and Educational Audiologists

Re: Don't Miss the Bus! Communication Happens in Schools!

Congratulations on considering a career working in a school setting as a speech-language pathologist or educational audiologist. The school setting is both challenging and rewarding. Over 50% of members of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Ohio Speech Language Hearing Association (OSLHA) work in the schools, not to mention the majority of the members of the Ohio School Speech Pathology and Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC). The caseloads are varied and there are opportunities to collaborate on interdisciplinary teams networking with a variety of professionals. The nine to ten month positions provide the opportunity for summer employment either in the school district or in other settings. The work hours are a "fit" with family responsibilities. Excellent benefit packages are available. In Ohio, there is much demand for speech language pathologists, particularly in urban and rural districts (see enclosure on Occupational projections).

To make your decision to pursue a school-based career easier, the Speech-Language Supervisory and Audiology Network has put together this collection of resources. We provide you with names, addresses, phone numbers of supervisors and contacts in each of the regions of Ohio to aid you in your job search. We will put to rest the myth that schools pay less than other work sites. School based SLPs have outlined their thoughts regarding working in the schools. Most importantly, we have included a one-page applicant information form. The form, when submitted, will be distributed to potential school based employers in your specified region. Additionally we have provided you the following materials:

- Supervisory Network Recruitment brochure
- OMNIE \$1,000 Incentive for School-based Employment
- Possible Job Interview Questions
- Checklist of Required Credentials to Work in the Schools
- Salary Report from ASHA
- Indicators of the Need for SLPs and Audiologists
- Future Outlook according to the U.S. Dept of Labor and Statistics and ASHA
- Frequently Asked Questions: School Services
- What Can You Expect of Your Child in School?
- Let's Talk: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- The Speech-Language Pathologist in Your Child's School/ASHA brochure
- Speech-Language Pathologists: Helping People Find Words/ASHA brochure
- Audiologists: Hear for a Lifetime/ASHA brochure
- Information/Membership forms for OSLHA, OSSPEAC and Educational Audiology Association
- SLP/Audiology Applicant form

To introduce yourself to members of the Network, send an email to slpnetwork@leeca.org or to the Educational Audiologists at audnetwork@leeca.org. Let us know what region you are interested in working in and supervisors in that area will contact you or use the contact list provided to phone a specific person. Good luck in your endeavors to find a satisfying position and we hope to hear from you soon *and* see you in the schools. Remember: Don't Miss the Bus...Communication Happens in Schools!

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