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From the President

Dear MSHA Members,
As we celebrate May as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month, we want to take this moment to recognize and honor the incredible contributions of our members. Your passion, expertise, and dedication enrich the lives of clients, students, and patients every day. This month is a time to reflect on the impact of our work and to stand together in appreciation of the values that unite us. Thank you for all you do!



As we reflect on accomplishments, we want to highlight the work of the MSHA's Public Schools Committee in putting together the 2025 Guidelines for Speech & Language Evaluation, Eligibility and Service Delivery in Schools, which was released this year and is now available on MSHA's website. Among other things, these Guidelines may be used to inform and innovate local policies and practices in systems looking to update their procedures. To download a pdf copy of the MSHA Guidelines, [please visit here](#).

In the spirit of giving back and supporting the future of speech-language-hearing services in Michigan, we are excited to introduce a new donation option on our association website. Your generosity helps us connect, empower, and advance our community through professional development opportunities, advocacy, and resources. Please consider donating; every contribution—big or small—makes a meaningful difference. To learn more or to donate, visit our website at [Donate - Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association](#).

Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Here's to a month of celebration, recognition, and continued growth!

Thank you for being an essential part of MSHA.

Best,

Ana Claudia Harten, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
MSHA President

Advocacy & Legislative Updates

Federal Updates:

Click the links for important information and resources from ASHA: [Executive Orders Impacting Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#) & [2025 ASHA Public Policy Agenda](#).

State of Michigan Updates:

[SB 230](#) calls for up to \$20,000,000 in 2025-2026 for LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) professional learning for educators in pre-K, kindergarten, grades 1-3, and additional elementary school educators and pre-K to grade 12 certificated special education personnel with endorsements in learning disabilities, emotional impairments, or speech and language impairments.

[SB 180](#) maintains unit rates in effect from FY2020 for medical consultants performing disability determination services, including SLPs.

[HB 4484](#) modifies coverage policies for SLPs.



Calling all MSHA members who are working in a school setting!

Your Public Schools Committee would love to know what's going well in your local settings, what barriers exist, and how MSHA can make your workloads a little lighter.

Please take 5 minutes to complete our Spring survey and let us know what you need:

<https://forms.gle/BsixpiK4CNJ8bCrr7> .

Thank you for all of the ways you support your students and families everyday!

Coming soon! MSHA CE Library!



MSHA is currently developing on-demand Webinars to keep you informed on the latest trends and help with your CE needs.

Look for more information to be announced very shortly!



MDHHS Therapy Provider Liaison Meeting

Medicaid has scheduled our next Therapy Provider Liaison meeting for Tuesday, July 15th from 12pm-1:30pm.

An official Medicaid L-Letter Meeting notice will be sent out 45 days or so before the meeting to anyone signed up to receive MDHHS ListServ notices.

Please send agenda items to KrulHallA@michigan.gov with potential topics as it gives the state time to research the issues, ask questions, and invite additional MDHHS staff to the meeting if they are best suited to address the concern.

MDHHS will stop taking items by June 27th.

MSHA Outstanding Health Care Clinician Award



Nominate a deserving clinician for statewide recognition!

Visit [MSHA Awards](#) for more info and to complete a nomination form.

Your donation helps us connect, empower, and advance our community through meaningful programs, advocacy, and resources. Every gift makes a difference - thank you for supporting our work!

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MSHA
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Lansing, MI 48933

To make a donation via credit card, please scan the QR code below



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Save the Dates

MSHA 2026 Conference

March 18 - 19, 2026
Motor City Casino & Hotel, Detroit

MSHA 2027 Conference

April 8 - April 10, 2027
Lansing Center, Lansing





Public Schools Committee Update



Public Schools Committee



WHAT DO WE DO?

We advocate for the professional roles, responsibilities & workloads of school SLPs in Michigan! The work of school SLPs is invaluable to the academic success and social emotional wellness of all students, especially students with IEPs who have communication, speech and language needs.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

We zoom monthly for an hour to tackle our agenda items. Virtual meetings alternate between lunchtime and after school timeframes.



WHAT WILL 2025-26 LOOK LIKE?

- Contributing to the creation of professional learning modules for the updated 2025 MSHA school guidelines
- Ensuring access to, marketing of and professional learning for the updated guidelines
- Advocating for issues that improve SLP workload and IEP student outcomes

Scan to learn more and join:



Guidelines

for Speech & Language Evaluation,
Eligibility and Service Delivery in Schools



<https://bit.ly/MSHA2025GuidelinesSchools> or

Click the above photos for more information or
to download the new MSHA Guidelines!



Virtual Healthcare Conference 2025

Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Artificial Intelligence in Speech-Language Pathology:

Promise, Practice, and Professionalism

Featured Speaker: Richard I. Zraick, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, F-ASHA, CHSE, University of Central Florida

Registration fees:

MSHA Member - \$35.00 | Non-Member - \$60.00 | Students - \$15.00

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