



MyTherapyCompany Sponsors Annual CSHA Dinner

In April, MyTherapyCompany exhibited at the annual CSHA Conference held in Monterey, California. The event was attended by about 1600 therapists from around the state, many of whom use the conference to catch up on their CEUs.

Three members from our corporate office were on hand, and we flew in Deb Dowd, a highly skilled massage therapist from Iowa to give free chair massages at our booth to anyone wanting one. Needless to say, it was a big hit. In fact, someone from just about every exhibiting school came by for a free massage. While in that nice relaxed state, they got to hear more about our therapy services! We'll see if they remember to call us when they get stressed about their staffing this year.



We also had numerous therapists from MyTherapyCompany attend as well. Shibani Samant, LynDee Harrleson, Brittany Sheldon, and Ashlyn Major all came up from Los Angeles. Carlyn Folmer and Lyn Murphy from Monterey and Channing Jones from Berkeley also joined us. We had a chance to talk with many new therapists and meet with experienced ones looking at their job options.

During the CSHA conference, MyTherapyCompany sponsored the annual CSHA dinner enjoyed by many of the attendees. CSHA is an all volunteer organization, and it's our intention to continue to contribute to it by sponsoring and attending each yearly event. Next year's conference will be in Los Angeles. We hope to see more of you there!



MTC's Leslie Seal with therapists Ashlyn Major, Shibani Samant, and Brittany Shelton representing MTC at the CSHA conference.

ASHA 2008 Schools Survey: Annual Salary Report

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) conducted a survey of speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in the spring of 2008. The survey was designed to provide information about school-based service delivery and to update and expand information gathered during previous Schools and Omnibus Surveys.

The results are presented in a series of reports. This salary report is based on responses from SLPs in special day/residential, preschool, elementary, middle/junior high/secondary, and combined schools.

Overall Findings:

- 91% worked for an annual salary.
- 56% worked in elementary schools.
- Median salary for working 11 or 12 months was \$65,000.
- Salaries for working 9 or 10 months averaged \$57,000 in elementary schools.
- Median academic year salaries for clinical service providers ranged from \$57,000 for preschools and elementary schools to \$64,204 in day/residential schools.
- Salaries increased with years of experience. The highest median academic year salary was \$71,154 and was achieved by SLPs who work in middle/junior high/secondary schools and have 28 or more years of experience.
- Rural salaries tended to be lower than suburban or urban salaries.
- Administrators/supervisors/directors who worked for a calendar year reported a median salary of \$79,515.
- 31% received a salary supplement.

Excerpted from the *ASHA 2008 Schools Survey – Annual Salary Report*

To read the full report, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/343u24k>

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School Districts Slow to Collect Special Ed Stimulus Funds

Sixty-one percent of the federal stimulus money earmarked for special education programs has yet to be claimed according to a July 12 article in the *Denver Post*.

School districts throughout the nation have been sluggish to tap the \$11.3 billion in funds designed to benefit students with disabilities and those from low-income households.

U.S. Department of Education representatives say the funds are to save jobs and fill gaps in school budgets caused by state budget cuts.

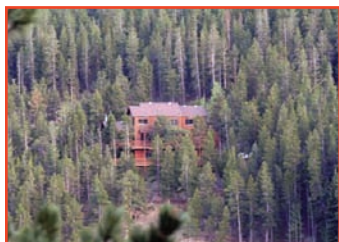
Since this is a one-time cash infusion, many districts are grappling with how to spend the monies on programs that won't need funding after 2011. There are also restrictions on how the money can be spent, and many school districts are still trying to figure out the spending guidelines.

The deadline to distribute the funds is September 30, 2010. Federal, state, and local officials are optimistic that the money will be drawn down. According to Cathy Solomon, Adviser for the Recovery Act Implementation for the Education Department, the federal stimulus money saved or created more than 100,000 jobs in special education.

Full story: http://www.denverpost.com/technology/ci_15493941

MyTherapyCompany Has a New Office Location!

Earlier this month we moved some of our corporate offices to Nederland, Colorado. Just north of Boulder,



Nederland is a mountain town of 2000 people sitting at an altitude of 8200 feet. Our office is by the continental divide, surrounded by pine forest, and natural beauty.

Business development, accounting, marketing, and recruiting have moved to our new office while HR and payroll remain in Iowa. Although we do not yet have therapy services in the state, we plan to develop school clients here over the next year.

In addition to Iowa and Colorado, we still maintain office locations in Encino and Berkeley. We plan to open another location this summer and hope to make an announcement in the next month about our first clinic in California. More news to come on this very soon!

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My Photos from MyTherapyCompany Events!



Therapists Rebecca Pawlowski, Jeanne Futscher, and Cici Padilla-Bohs with MTC President Michael McBurnie at the Solano County Luncheon in April.



Los Angeles therapists enjoying our end of the year party in Santa Monica.



Celebrating Our Therapists

Birthday greetings to everyone who recently enjoyed their special day!

July

Michael McBurnie – July 5
Stacy Johnson – July 9
Shweta McBurnie – July 14
Nicole Corin – July 18

August

Brittany Sheldon – August 3
Jeanne Futscher – August 4
Shibani Samant – August 15
Andrew Rattner – August 28

Happy Birthday everyone!

