



Resources

**Information to continue our growth
as families and professionals who
want to support
Gestalt Language Development**

Online Courses:

Meaningfulspeech.com Course

Creator: Alexandria Zachos, MS, CCC-SLP and Expert Guest Speakers

-7 Module Comprehensive Course with Additional Bonus Modules for Gestalt Language Processing/Natural Language Acquisition Continuing Education and Support for BOTH parents and professionals

-Certification Maintenance Hours (CMH) Available for ASHA Certification Maintenance & SLPs who pass the final assessment can be included in our world-wide NLA Trained Clinician registry.

Northern Speech Services Online Courses:

Natural Language Acquisition In Autism "Echolalia To Self-Generated Language-Level 1

(On Demand Webinar) CEUs: 0.3

Author: Marge Blanc, MA, CCC-SLP

Natural Language Acquisition In Autism "Echolalia To Self-Generated Language (Treatment) Level 2

(On Demand Webinar) CEUs: 0.25

Author: Marge Blanc, MA, CCC-SLP

Natural Language Acquisition In Autism "Echolalia To Self-Generated Language-Level 3

(On Demand Webinar) CEUs: 1.05

Author: Marge Blanc, MA, CCC-SLP

ASHA Courses:

From Echolalia to Self-Generated Language: Case Studies in Natural Language Acquisition

(On Demand Webinar) CEUs: 0.2

Authors: Marge Blanc, MA, CCC-SLP; Lillian Stiegler, PhD, CCC-SLP; Alexandria Zachos, MS, CCC-SLP

A Language Based Approach to Managing Echolalia

(On Demand Webinar) CEUs: 0.2

Author: Lillian Stiegler, PhD, CCC-SLP



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Webinars:

New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence (NJACE) Webinars

Presenter: Marge Blanc:

"Gestalt Language Development: the 'Other' Natural Language Acquisition Style!" (September 16 2021)

"Making Sense of Echolalia: It's All About Language Development" (March 4, 2021)

"Echoes of Echolalia: Looking at Autistic Language Development Through a New Lens" (Oct. 27, 2021)

AAC Connecting with Language Learners (December 2, 2021)

Presenters: Kate Flaxman and Marge Blanc

YouTube:

Meaningful Speech YouTube Channel

Videos uploaded monthly with expert guest speaks on topics related to Gestalt Language Processing

"Empowering Communication through Echolalia" (November 20, 2021)

Presenter: Adrienne Koenig

Podcasts:

Two Sides of the Spectrum

Episode 40 - Delayed Echolalia & Gestalt Language Processors with Alexandria Zachos

Speechie Side Up

Feb. 20 2022- An Overview of Gestalt Language Processing and Natural Language Acquisition with Alexandria Zachos

Conversations in Speech Pathology

Episode 006 -Echolalia and ASD Supporting Natural Language Development with Marge Blanc

Episode 016- Going Deep-Natural Language Acquisition and Autism with Marge Blanc

Talking with Tech

Episode 204 - Alexandria Zachos: Supporting Spontaneous Speech in People Who Script

Innovative AAC Solutions

Season 2, Episode 3 - GLP +AAC with Alexandria Zachos

SLP Happy Hour

Episode 99- What Works For Echolalia and Play Based Sessions with Alexandria Zachos

SLP Coffee Talk

Episode 128- What Is Gestalt Language Processing (And How Does It Look for the Older Students)?! with Alexandria Zachos

SLP Full Disclosure

Episode 68- Natural Language Acquisition, Gestalt Language Processing, and Echolalia - Alexandria Zachos MS, CCC-SLP



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AAC and Gestalt Language Processing

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