April 1, 2020

Dear ITAP applicant,

The faculty and students at the Loyola Clinical Centers hope that you and your family are safe and well and continuing to stay at home during this uncertain time. As you may know, all in-person clinical services at the Loyola Clinical Centers were suspended earlier in March due to the risks associated with COVID-19. While we were hopeful that our summer services would resume as planned, the national epidemic and continued need to maintain the wellness of everyone is preventing that. As a result, we are cancelling our scheduled ITAP sessions in Columbia and Belvedere. Instead, we will begin our summer services using telepractice only instead of in-person services in order to maintain the health, safety and wellness of everyone involved. We will decide on May 1st if we are able to resume any in-person clinical services starting in June and will communicate with each of you at that time. In place of the intensive program, we are offering individual and group telepractice sessions to clients for whom this service delivery would be effective. The sessions are planned for mid-late May until late July and will be held in the comfort of your own home.

Please take some time to consider with your family if you would like to consider telepractice for your loved one who has aphasia. It would require:

1. Being physically located in Maryland for the sessions (due to SLP licensure laws)
2. Having internet/wifi access
3. Ideally: a computer (desktop/laptop) OR a tablet/iPad with a camera and microphone; a smartphone may be used at a minimum.
4. Someone to be with the person who has aphasia to provide minimal tech support as needed.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out by phone or email with any questions and let us know whether you’re interested in telepractice sessions by April 15, 2020. Thanks for your patience and we hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

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