

Episode 57: A Day in the Life of a Medical SLP: Conversation with a Private Practice Cog-Comm SLP

Meet Katie Brown, a speech-language pathologist and certified brain injury specialist who started her own private practice after just three years of being in the medical SLP field. In the latest episode of The Missing Link, Katie walks listeners through her journey to opening her private practice, discusses some of her favorite resources, offers advice to students and clinical fellows just starting out, and much more.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Can you tell us a little bit about why you became a speech-language pathologist? What's your story?
2. Where do you work now and what does a typical day look like for you? Do you have a brick-and-mortar building, or are you all virtual?
3. How long after your clinical fellow did you branch off into your private practice? And how many years have you been practicing?
4. You are a mentor in the Start Your Private Practice program. How did you get into that?
5. What are some of your favorite SLP resources?
6. How do you find time to balance all of the responsibilities and passions you have?
7. What can you tell the new speech pathologist about ethical settings?
8. Any words of advice for the graduate student or clinical fellow who may want to follow in your footsteps?

Quote of the Conversation

"I think my words of wisdom would be to bet on yourself. Put the work in. Do what you want to do. That's what I did with my private practice. I bet on myself, and it was one of the scariest things that I've ever done. And I'm feeling more fulfilled personally and professionally than I ever have."

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Katie Brown, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIS is a speech-language pathologist and certified brain injury specialist practicing in Buffalo, NY. She owns a private practice called Neuro Speech Solutions which specializes in therapy for adults with neurogenic communication and cognitive disorders. Katie is passionate about providing meaningful, functional therapy to those with

aphasia and cognitive impairments related to stroke and TBI.

Outside of her private practice, Katie is active in the SLP community. She is an advocate for person-centered care and creates digital materials aiming to help other medical SLPs feel more confident in providing personally relevant therapy. Katie is a mentor for the Start Your Private Practice Program and an SLP consultant for the aphasia app company, Tactus Therapy. She volunteers for several non-profits and provides a monthly workshop for brain injury survivors.

In her free time, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband, two sons, and dog. She is an amateur baker, lover of local coffee, and outdoor enthusiast

Keep the Conversation Going

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"When you're the speech therapist, people like to talk to you. And they like to tell you their life stories, and they tell you their secrets. And they depend on you, and they share stuff with you. And that is really fun. I love learning about people's lives. And they're so fascinating."