Telepractice in Africa: A Cross-Cultural Experience with People Who Stutter
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OBJECTIVES: After completing this activity participants will be able to
1. describe the challenges of people who stutter living in Africa
2. explain the challenges and opportunities of providing clinical service to PWS living in Africa via
telepractice.
3. discuss the opportunities for clinicians and university programs to gain multicultural experience
and provide clinical services via telepractice for PWS living in Africa

Functional outline of presentation

Critical need for stuttering therapy in several African nations
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Etiology and Treatment of stuttering in Africa
Internet opens the world to PWS in Africa
Advent and growth of self-help in Africa
Emergence of clinical services and consulting
Need for clinical services
Request for teletherapy in Rwanda

Teletherapy experiences - Rwanda
Dale Williams, PhD - Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
FAU Distance Therapy Program - Florida Atlantic University

Origin of the Program
Language in Rwanda
Licensing & Security
Stuttering Evaluations
Stuttering Therapy - Goals
Stuttering Therapy – Barriers
Additional Challenges
Benefits
Language as a Shared Experience
Future Considerations

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Purpose of graduate studies
Participation in telepractice benefits
Overall benefits

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Service learning
Cross-Cultural Experience
KASA Skills Competencies (ASHA 2014)
Telepractice Training and Experience
Kuster References


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**Websites**


Association Parole-Bégaiement (A.P.B.) [https://www.begaiement.org/](https://www.begaiement.org/)

British Stammering Association [https://www.stammering.org/](https://www.stammering.org/)

Stuttering Foundation [http://www.stutteringhelp.org](http://www.stutteringhelp.org)

International Stuttering Awareness Day Online Conferences [https://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/isadarchive/onlineconference.html](https://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/isadarchive/onlineconference.html)


Association Action contre le begaiement (ACB) [http://www.isastutter.org/BurkinaFaso](http://www.isastutter.org/BurkinaFaso)

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