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Title:

Interdisciplinary Model of Cognitive Communication Group Therapy for Children with ABI

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Summary:

In the Fall of 2007 an interdisciplinary model of cognitive communication group therapy for children with Acquired Brain Injury and their parents was piloted in the Brain Injury Rehab Outpatient Program at Bloorview Kids Rehab. A Speech-Language Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist designed and ran a project-based cognitive communication group for children with Acquired Brain Injury. At the same time a Social Worker ran a group for the Parents of these children. In this presentation we will discuss and share the approaches used to achieve the social communication goals of the group and include how these goals were generalized to home and school. We will share the outcome measures used, lessons learned and discuss the future directions of group model. We will discuss how this model was used beyond the pilot group in groups for both children and youth and we will be able to compare and contrast the effectiveness of this model of service delivery for different ages and with different projects.

Outcomes/Objectives:

Overview of interdisciplinary model of cognitive communication group therapy for children with ABI and their Parents

Discuss and share approaches used to achieve cognitive communication goals including generalizing skills to home and school

Share outcomes, lessons learned and future directions.