Program Summary

Many children are competent communicators in more than one language. However, some children have difficulty with speech and language, regardless of the number of languages they speak. Speech and language therapists will never be able to speak all of the languages and dialects of the people they work with, so it is important that they use effective assessment practices with children and families from diverse backgrounds. This presentation will offer a world tour of research undertaken by Professor McLeod and her team. Insights will be provided about supporting children’s speech based on their work with children and speech and language therapists from across the world including: Australia, Fiji, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Jamaica, South Africa, The Netherlands, Turkey, UK, US and Vietnam. Audience members are encouraged to bring their smart phones, tablets, or laptop computers to access online resources during the presentation.

Further details about Professor McLeod’s work may be found at:
http://www.csu.edu.au/research/multilingual-speech

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