

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!



(From left to right, Mary Ann S., Maureen F., Sharon R., Emily T., Elizabeth S., Christine F.)

Speech-Language Pathology Team Members Early Childhood Services / Huntington Campus

Thank you to this amazing team for all you do for the children and families we support.
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Mary Ann Sanfilippo, Speech Supervisor – I have been a speech-language pathologist for 27 years with close to 18 of them at DDI. MY career includes working with all ages and in various settings such as home, school, and universities. I really enjoy coming to work each day and appreciate my amazing staff. They make my job easy! FYI, I received speech therapy in elementary school so apparently my speech therapist made a lasting impression on me.

Maureen Finn – I have worked as a speech-language pathologist for 27 years, almost 20 of those years at DDI. I enjoy my work and I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had both working with these amazing preschoolers and all of my great colleagues.

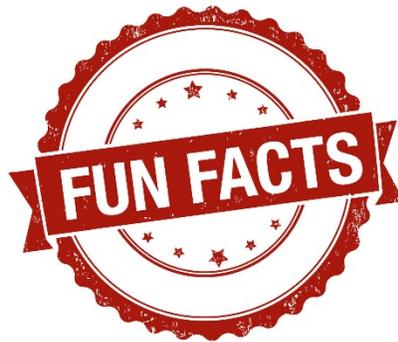
Sharon Rubinstein – I have worked as a speech-language pathologist in private practice, schools, a hospital, and a nursing home. I have been at DDI as a SLP for 23 ½ years. I enjoy working with the students and helping them to achieve their goals.

Emily Toich – I graduated from St. John’s University in 2016. While I was at SJU, I did an externship at DDI and was hired as a clinical fellow after graduation. I have been here for almost 2 years and 1 year as a licensed speech-language pathologist. I truly love working with the preschool population and look forward to coming to work every day. My wonderful and supportive colleagues at DDI have taught me so much and have made the start of my career as an SLP such an enjoyable experience.

Elizabeth Shedlow – I love working with young children and their families, but I have worked with children of all ages throughout my time at DDI. I’ve worked as a substitute teaching assistant with school-age children in Deer Park, Hollywood Drive, and later in Huntington.

In graduate school, I worked as a teaching assistant at Starting Early in Huntington and have been there ever since. In total, I have been at DDI for 30 years with 25 of them as a speech-language pathologist. My relationship with DDI extends beyond my employment. My sister was a student in the school-age program in Bay Shore and later at Hollywood Drive. Next month she will celebrate her 50th birthday!

Christine Freifeld – I have been a speech-language pathologist for 15 years and all 15 years have been at DDI. I love being an SLP because I love helping people to communicate. I enjoy teaching new language concepts to children by reading books and playing games. I find it so rewarding when children have finally found their voice and use it with their family, peers, and teachers.



Total SLP Years: 120

Total DDI Years: 108

Three of us (Maureen, Mary Ann, Emily) graduated from SJU, did externship at DDI, completed our clinical fellow year at DDI, got our first SLP job at DDI, and currently work at DDI.

Two of us (Maureen, Mary Ann) went to graduate school at SJU together.