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<b>Profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold Medalist Speech Language Pathologist with proven ability in hiring, mentoring, coaching &amp; retaining world class team of Speech Language Pathologists</li><li>• 15 years of hands on Clinical Experience in Pediatric Speech Language Pathology</li><li>• Founder/Director of Startup - Magpie Speech Therapy in Bangalore</li><li>• Certified Program Leader for Parent Training Programs - It Takes Two to Talk, More Than Words and TalkAbility from Hanen Center, Canada</li><li>• Certified in Oral Placement Therapy Level 1, Level 2 and Feeding Skills by TalkTools, U.S.A</li><li>• PROMPT Trained in Boston, U.S.A</li><li>• LAMP Certified in Tennessee, U.S.A</li><li>• Trained in NDT approach for Pediatric Feeding and Speech by NDTA, U.S.A</li><li>• Certified in Structured Teaching Program, Tim Academy, U.S.A</li><li>• Certified in PECS training - Level 1, Pyramid Consultants. U.K.</li><li>• <b>First Indian SLP</b> to undergo Clinical Training &amp; Certification Program in Social Thinking, U.S.A</li><li>• Certified in Play Therapy - Level 1 by Indian Play Therapy Association</li><li>• Expertise in Planning and Implementation of individualized early intervention programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and ADHD</li><li>• Rich Experience in Educating and Training Parents of children with special needs on using Naturalistic intervention in Daily Routines</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<p><b>Magpie Speech &amp; Language Intervention Services (Sep 2005 – Current) – Founder &amp; Managing Director (<a href="http://www.magpieslp.com">www.magpieslp.com</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managing an expanding team of 15 Cross-disciplinary professionals at her center in Bangalore</li><li>• Built a case load of 5 to 150+ Pediatric Clients in last 5 years in Magpie Speech Therapy Center</li><li>• Designing and implementation of many indigenous assessment and Intervention modules as part of Individualized Intervention programs for Children with Special needs</li><li>• Developed a Rating and Progress module for Parent Interaction Strategies that facilitate Caregiver implemented intervention</li><li>• Designing and implementing Dynamic assessment module for Children with Language disorders from birth to 18 years of age</li><li>• Educating and Creating Awareness about Speech Language disorders in Children using Social Media like Building a YouTube Educational Series (<a href="#">Click Here</a>) and Writing Blogs (<a href="#">Click Here</a>)</li><li>• Attended Continuing Educational programs (at least 1 every 2 months) to educate and develop Evidence Based Practice in Pediatric Speech Language Intervention at Magpie</li><li>• Supervision and Training of Speech Language Pathologists working at Magpie for providing World Class Evidence Based Services</li><li>• Building evidence for various intervention protocols for child language disorders and feeding disorders through indigenously developed data recording templates</li><li>• Involved in designing and implementation of various Alternative Augmentative Communication Intervention using Low technology AAC modes like Communication Books and High technology applications like Avaz, India</li><li>• Training teachers and Special educators in identifying and management of communication disorders in school age children</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating, Sourcing and maintenance of Teaching aids and materials like Toys, books, Furniture and other accessories effective in Communication intervention with children</li> <li>• Closely involved in recruiting and building Magpie Speech Therapy from infancy stage</li> </ul> <p><b>Sagar Hospital Bangalore (Sep 2004 – Sep 2005) – Speech Language Pathologist &amp; Audiologist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked as the only Full Time Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist at a 200 bed Multi-Specialty Hospital</li> <li>• Assessment and intervention of Adults and Children with Hearing issues, Speech and Language (Re)habilitation</li> </ul> <p><b>ComDeall, Bangalore (July 2004 – Sep 2004) – Speech Language Pathologist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked as a SLP for the Early Intervention Program-School Module</li> </ul> <p><b>All India Institute of Speech &amp; Hearing, Mysore (Oct 2003 – Mar 2004) – Speech Language Pathologist, AAC Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked as the only SLP in charge of the AAC unit</li> <li>• Managed AAC tools and equipment</li> <li>• Undertook intervention sessions for children using AAC at the clinical intervention services program at AIISH</li> <li>• Assisted in organizing a AAC plenary session at AIISH as part of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association Annual Conference in 2004</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked as a Volunteer SLP at Spastic Society, Colaba, Mumbai in 2001</li> <li>• Provided Assessment and Therapy services as an SLP in the OPD services at NIMHANS, Bangalore in 2004</li> <li>• Developed and implemented IEPs for school age children in AK Munshi school for the mentally Challenged, Mumbai</li> </ul>
<b>Publication / Interests</b>	<p><b>Publications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published article in the monthly publication from Hanen center, Canada on “It takes two to talk” in 2012- First ever from an India trained Hanen SLP</li> <li>• Submitted Dissertation titled “Phonological Awareness and Reading Skills in Children with Hearing Impairment” to the University of Mysore - 2003</li> <li>• Abstract of the article titled “Speech Tics - A Case Report” published in Journal of the Indian Speech &amp; Hearing Association, Vol 16 - 2002</li> <li>• Submitted Independent Project titled “Psycho Physical Tuning Curves in Otitis Media, to the University of Mysore – 2001</li> </ul> <p><b>Research/Clinical Interests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social communication issues in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, LD</li> <li>• Alternative Augmentative Communication</li> <li>• Relation between Play and Language skills</li> <li>• Training parents of children in need of early intervention services</li> <li>• Naturalistic intervention approaches like Floor Time, RDI for children with ASD</li> <li>• Research in Parent Implemented Intervention for Communication Disorders</li> <li>• Research in Development of Training Modules for Cognitive Linguistic Syntax &amp; Semantics Intervention</li> <li>• Development of clinically useful templates/worksheets, teaching aids for children with speech &amp; language disorders</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masters in Speech &amp; Hearing from All India Institute of Speech &amp; Hearing - Mysore in 2001 – 2003</li> <li>• Dr. PD Manohar Endowment <b>Gold Medal</b> in Speech Language Pathology, M.Sc., 2003</li> <li>• Bachelors in Speech &amp; Hearing from All India Institute of Speech &amp; Hearing - Mysore in 1998-2001</li> </ul>