

Preschool Speech & Language Services

Meet Our Team!



Sara Lass

Speech-Language Pathologist (on maternity leave)

Sara has a passion for working with preschoolers and coaching parents on fostering their child's communication skills. She has a special interest in learning about the impacts of trauma on early communication development. When not working, she is busy at home playing with her two daughters, reading, cooking Shabbat meals for her friends and family and drinking coffee!



Dian Bent

Intake Worker

From the Team: "Dian is the rock of our program, our most beloved colleague, and has been working at the George Hull Centre for over 30 years! She is originally from Jamaica and has a large extended family she is very close with. She is thoughtful, helpful, and extremely funny and kind. We are all so lucky to work with her."



Mary Ross

Speech-Language Pathologist

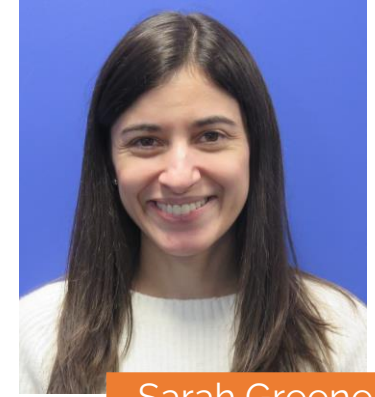
Mary enjoys working with young children and their families! Outside of work, she enjoys creative activities, such as knitting. Mary has a sweet tooth and loves baking sweet treats. She likes to spend her downtime with her large extended family!



Julia Lovis

Speech-Language Pathologist

Julia is enthusiastic about helping your child communicate using play-based therapy to bring out their strengths. Recently having moved to Toronto from Thunder Bay, she spends her free time exploring outdoor spaces to spend more time in nature. Hiking, paddle boarding and camping are just a few of her favourites.



Sarah Greene

Speech-Language Pathologist

Sarah has worked at the George Hull Centre since 2008 and is passionate about working with preschool-aged children. She enjoys baking, reading, and exploring nearby trails with her husband and two daughters.

To Our Future Clients: We are so excited to meet you, and we put this document together in case you wanted to "meet" us before walking through our doors or joining us online! We can't wait to see you soon!!



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Ivone Branco

Communicative Disorders Assistant

Ivone has a passion for working with preschoolers and their families, providing services in both English and Portuguese. She enjoys letting her husband plan family trips, sipping freshly brewed coffee, and cheering on her kids at the soccer field and gymnastics matt. She strives to make each therapy session fun and will never...ever...let a bubble get away!



Talia Leszcz

Speech-Language Pathologist, Interim Program Manager

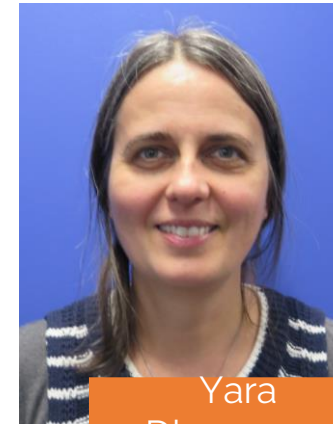
Talia was born and raised in Toronto and has always been passionate about working with young children and their families. When not researching, teaching and working she enjoys listening to music, riding her bike and gardening. Talia recently became a mom, and is excited to witness the development of communication from the eyes of a new parent!



Vaani
Vivagananda

Speech-Language Pathologist

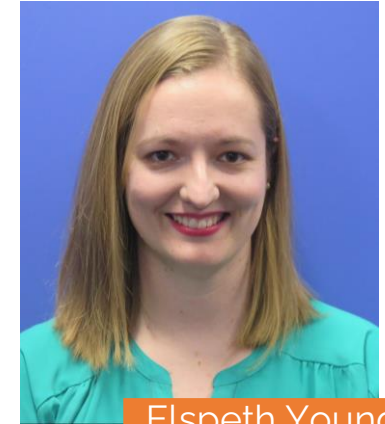
Vaani is a bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist of Canadian Sri Lankan descent. She can fluently speak English and Tamil. She is passionate about working with young children and their families. She is very family oriented and prioritizes family involvement in all aspects of care. She also loves to cook, hike and craft.



Yara
Dlugosova

Early Childhood Resource Teacher

Yara is a passionate clinician who values taking the time to truly get to know the families she works with. She studied Advanced studies in special needs. Coming from Czech Republic, she speaks Czech and Slovak fluently. In her free time she enjoys skiing and hiking.



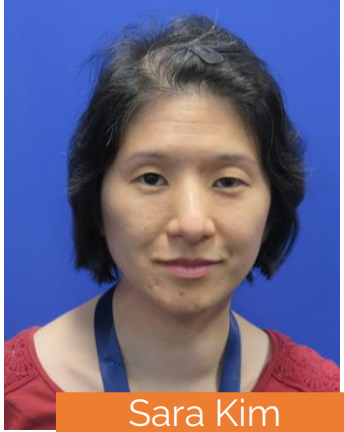
Elsbeth Young

Speech-Language Pathologist

Elsbeth loves working with children and families to support communication. She studied biology, Spanish and education, and has worked with children since high school teaching swimming. She enjoys aquatic sports, spending time with family and friends, and decorating cakes (but doesn't actually like cake all that much!).

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Sara Kim

Speech-Language Pathologist

Sara enjoys working with young children and their families. She is of Korean descent but has lived in Canada all her life. Her other interests include music, reading and swimming.



Bhairavi
Vijayakumar

Speech-Language Pathologist

Bhairavi loves playing with children and learning from them. She is originally from India and moved to Toronto a few years ago. She loves learning languages and can speak Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and English.



Nicole Howe

Speech-Language Pathologist

Nicole is passionate about helping preschoolers and their families reach their communication goals. She is a mom to two preschool-aged boys, and enjoys cooking, yoga, and spending time with her family and friends. Nicole is very proud of her Portuguese heritage and enjoys travelling, especially to Portugal, whenever she can!



Joanna Kelly

Communicative Disorders Assistant

Joanna studied psychology and science before becoming a CDA. She loves meeting the families in our program and supporting them on their journey learning about communication. Her family enjoys cooking favourite meals and desserts together, hiking local trails, camping, gardening and swimming. With quiet time to herself she likes to get cozy with a good book.



Supri Kanda

Communicative Disorders Assistant

Supri is passionate about supporting families and young children, celebrating their unique strengths, and fostering their communication. Being a Punjabi-Canadian, she is fluent in English, Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu, and enjoys connecting with people from diverse backgrounds. When she is not working, she likes to spend time with her family, read books, and experimenting with new crafts.

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Anna Rupert

Program Manager & Speech-Language Pathologist (on sabbatical with the Institute for Childhood Trauma and Attachment as the Manager of Special Projects and Program Design)

Anna is extremely passionate about how important communication is to all of our relationships and our well-being. She loves learning (would stay in school forever!), engaging in research, and is also a writer and a cook. She values her family more than anything (including their dog Clementine), and feels it is truly a gift to work with such an incredible team of skilled, caring and wonderful people.



Fay McGill

Speech-Language Pathologist

Fay loves working with children of all ages, but has a passion for supporting preschool children and their families. She is constantly learning, but also enjoys teaching – she teaches future speech-language pathologists, as well as professionals in the field. When not working, she enjoys Zumba, reading, and spending time with friends and family.