

Success Story:

Fall River Joint Unified School District Burney, CA

Students in Rural California Master Their Speech Therapy Goals Well Ahead of Schedule

Choosing PresenceLearning

Ensure Student Access & Accelerate Progress

Fall River Joint Unified School District in Burney, CA was interested in SLP telepractice as a way to ensure guaranteed access to SLPs and accelerate their students' progress toward their IEP goals. For the past two academic years, the district has used the PresenceLearning service to provide services to K-12 students with a variety of communication disorders, including articulation, language processing, learning disabilities, cognitive delays and Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Benefits

Flexible Scheduling Improves Reach & Coverage

Using the PresenceLearning web-based platform, SLPs were able to work remotely, hundreds of miles from the rural community served by Fall River JUSD. Service schedules followed students' IEPs, with sessions managed in a 1-on-1 or 1-on-2 format. SLPs also attended all IEP meetings virtually via the PresenceLearning web platform. For kindergarden and first grade students, a Fall River paraprofessional was present to supervise the sessions.

Online Sessions Thoroughly Engage Students

The Fall River students enjoyed getting their speech therapy via the computer, and administrators were able to meet their commitments to special education students. "When you go for months not providing a service, it gets very stressful knowing you are not meeting the requirements you have agreed to on an IEP. With Presence TeleCare, I didn't have to worry about it. That definitely gave me peace of mind."

Outcomes

Most Students Made Significant Progress

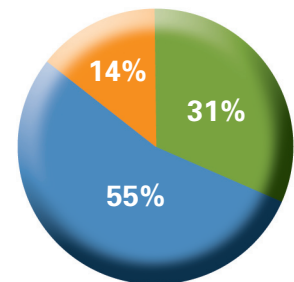
"The kids are doing really well. I've seen a difference just from the time they've started telepractice and I know we're really surprised as well that they were graduating out already and how far they've improved. Across a wide variety of communication needs and ages, students made significant progress toward their communication goals with PresenceLearning services."

Early Releases Reduced Overall Caseloads

The outcome that a seventh of students have been able to graduate early from speech therapy suggests that telepractice is a powerful tool for reducing caseloads and costs for schools as well.



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Level of Improvement

- Modest
- Dramatic
- Significant

"The kids are enjoying it. It's a new thing to be able to use the computer [for speech therapy] and it's exciting."

Fall River JUSD Staff Member

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