

Fostering Joy for Audiologists: How and Why to Embrace a "Joy Lens" in Working with Families

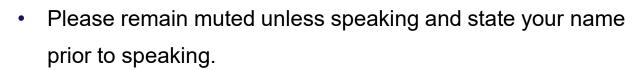
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AUCD & LEND Audiology Trainees

April 11, 2024



Bringing JOY into the conversation about supporting children who are deaf or hard of hearing

Jointly Supported Project







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What does JOY mean to you?



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Joy defined

Joy in our minds
Joy with families
Joy in the workplace

Joy is...

an intense,
temporary feeling
of positive emotion
as a consequence
of a just right fit
between our identity
and the moment we are experiencing.



Striving for Joy

- Happiness is dependent on external circumstances. (e.g., eating chocolate, hitting all the green lights). Not long-lasting. Happiness is often associated with feelings of the senses; it is an emotional response.
- Joy, on the other hand, *comes from within*. It is a much more enduring feeling that persists no matter the circumstance.

Cultivate Joy in Everyday Life



Shift your frame of reference

Slow Down

Appreciate Non-Problematic Joy

JOY – an emotion, an expression, a state

Demonstrating emotions can help boost the experience of joy when it arises





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The Good Life

Self-Related Components





Others-Related Components





Leelakulthanit, 2024

Conceptualizing Enjoyment & Joy as Proactive Processes

Hedonic
Positive feelings (e.g., fun)
from attainment of desires

Eudaimonic
Positive feelings (e.g., joy)
from fulfilling one's true
nature through one's
abilities

Kawabata & Mallett, 2022

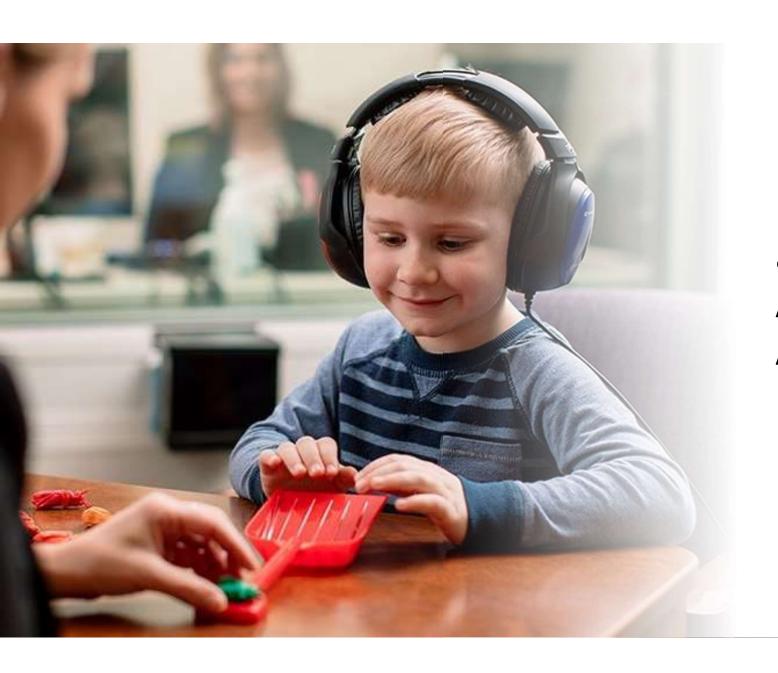


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How can You Support Families in Finding Joy?





How JOYFUL are Your Audiologic Appointments?

Counseling Strategies to Promote JOY



Scope of Practice



Helping Relationships



Informational Counseling



Adjustment Counseling

Meibos et al., 2019; Munoz et al., 2019; Munoz et al., 2018



Audiology trainees/early career have been clear...

Munoz et al., 2029



Counseling Microskills to Promote:



Active listening

Nonverbal communication

Silence

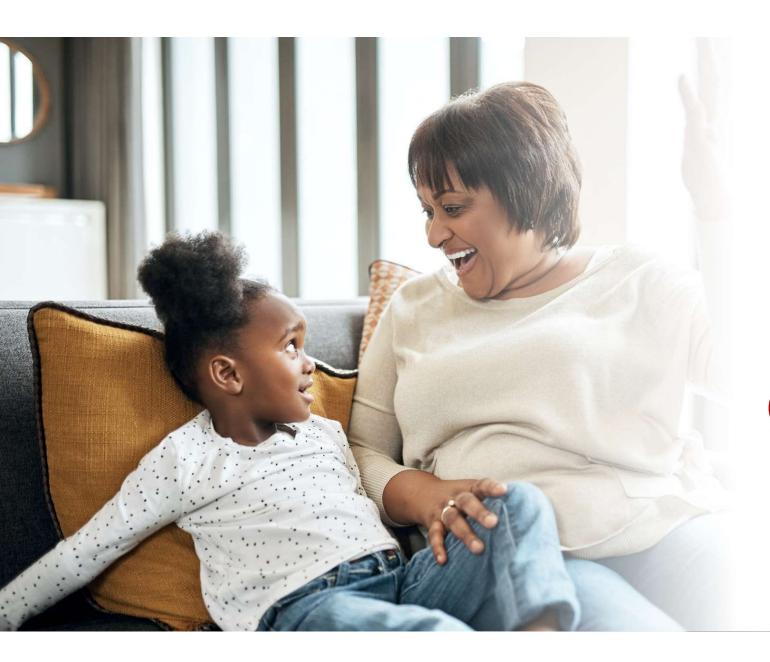
Empathy



Reframing & Repacking Past Experiences

Story Telling

Truncellito & VanEpps, 2023



Future Casting



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Work CAN be



As a Professional, what brings you JOY?



JOY at Work

MEG

• Meaning, Engagement & Growth

CSR

• Compassion, Sensitivity & Respect

TSF

Trust, Support & Flexibility

Healthcare Workers' Joy at Work

Mindfulness interventions

Web-based interventions

Cultivating gratitude

Positive psychology exercises



Rekindling JOY in Medicine

Sanft & Winer, 2023

FIG 1. Strategies for creating conditions that allow for connection and thoughtful communication.



Sacred Moments as a Source of JOY

Sanft & Winer, 2023

Institute for Healthcare Improvement Framework for Improving Joy at Work

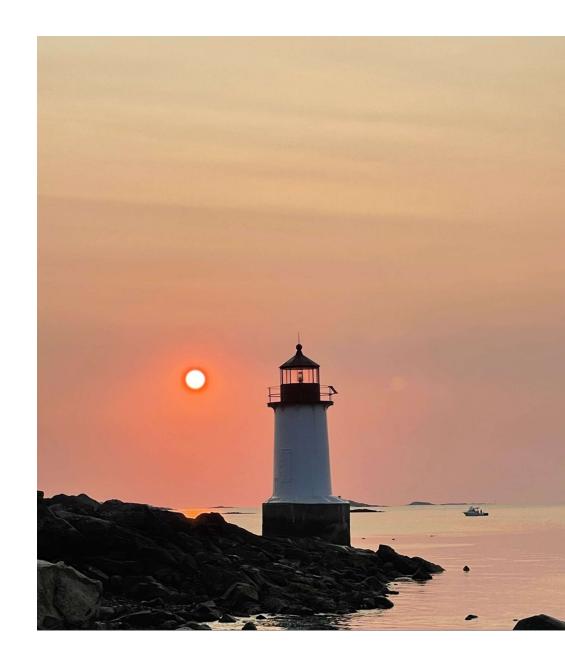
- The importance of joy in work (the "why");
- Four steps leaders can take to improve joy in work (the "how");
- The IHI Framework for Improving Joy in Work: nine critical components of a system for ensuring a joyful, engaged workforce (the "what");
- Key change ideas for improving joy in work, along with examples from organizations that helped test them;
- Measurement and assessment tools for gauging efforts to improve joy in work

Figure 2. IHI Framework for Improving Joy in Work



Intentionality & Joyfulness

- Create more Community
- Practice Gratitude
- Connect with Something Greater (nature, poetry, sunrises)





The science suggests that, even in tough times, we can create joy.

How will you do that?



Joy can be small, unassuming, disarming. It's hiding in a cherry, a song note, or a pair of comfortable shoes.

Often, we have to coax these small moments of joy into our awareness. We have to let our guard down and allow them rub up against us like a purring cat.

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