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Learner Outcomes

As a result of this Continuing Education Activity, participants will be able to:

- 1. explain the importance of being able to influence others
- describe the primary sources of power and the key characteristics of effective leaders
- 3. Describe how to use effective communication strategies to influence others

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Outline

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Introduction

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Introduction

- In SLP training, we are taught to be effective clinicians.
- We are rarely taught how to be leaders and influence others.

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Introduction

- Why is it important to have leadership skills when you are a clinical SLP?
- Why is it important to be able to influence others?

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Introduction

- Ability to lead and influence others is a key skill for our profession, regardless of a person's position
 - Clinical situations: patients and family members
 - Supervisory situations: employees and students
 - Professional situations: colleagues and coworkers

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Definitions: Influence, Power, Leader, Leadership

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Influence

Definitions:

- The act or power of indirectly affecting a person or course of events, without apparent exertion of force
- The power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways

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- The power to change or affect the way a person thinks or acts
- The power to cause a change in the character, thought, or action of others



Influence

- Is morally neutral (can be used for good or evil), but it always involves a relationship and results
- Is important for organizations because it helps to create behaviors to achieve their vision and goals
- Is important for SLPs and those in healthcare because it helps to create patient/family compliance to recommendations

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Influence

- How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie, first published in 1936
- One of the first best-selling self-help books ever published
- Sold over 30 million copies world-wide in first printing
- in 2011
- In 2011, was named #19 on Time Magazine's list of 100 most "influential" books

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Power

Definitions:

- The ability to influence others to perform, behave or accomplish tasks in a certain way
- The influence that a person or organization has over other people or organizations to behave in a certain way or do certain things

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Leader

Definitions:

- A person who is able to influence others to do certain things or achieve certain goals by following his/her direction (lead)
- A powerful person who controls or influences what other people do
- One who has influence or power

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Leadership

Definitions:

- A process by which a leader influences others to accomplish an objective or perform a task
- Influencing or directing others to follow a certain direction

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Leadership

- Leadership is not job-specific; instead it is situationspecific
- Leadership changes with a change in the situation

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Situational Leadership

- Despite our formal role in an organization, we are all leaders in different situations
 - A department director
 - A student supervisor
 - A mentor of new colleagues
 - A committee chair
 - An advocate for legislative change
 - An SLP clinician and "leader" in the patient's plan of care
 - A parent

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Summary:

Influence, Power, Leader, and Leadership

- Leaders of any situation need influence and power
- Leadership is dependent on influence and power
- People who have influence and power in a given situation are leaders

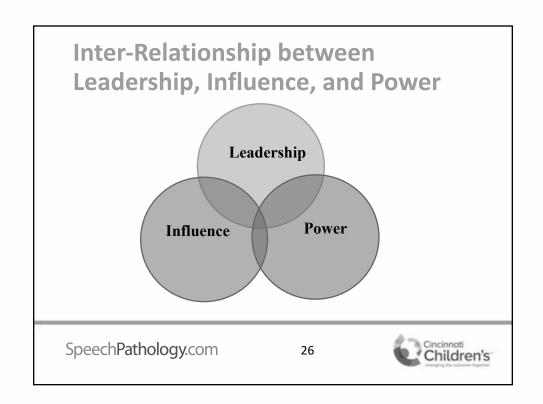
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Sources of Power

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Exercise

- Think of a person who is an effective leader in your workplace
- Write down a list of adjectives to describe that person

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Five Sources of Power

- 1. Legitimate (Position) Power
- 2. Reward Power
- 3. Coercive (Punishment) Power
- 4. Expert Power
- 5. Personal Power

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Legitimate (Position) Power

- Leader's position in the organization
- Leader's level of authority that is inherent in that position
- Being the supervisor or "boss"

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Legitimate (Position) Power

 Example: A policeman has the authority (position power) to make you do what he says in certain situations

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Reward Power

- Leader's ability to give something of value
 - Tangibles: salary, benefits, promotion
 - Intangibles: recognition, respect, special privileges

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Reward Power

- Example: Vendors use reward points to influence your buying decisions
- Example: Teachers use rewards to influence the work of their students

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Coercive (Punishment) Power

- Leader's ability to take something of value away
 - Tangibles: no raise, loss of job
 - Intangibles: loss of privileges, respect or status

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Expert Power

- Leader's knowledge, skill, and expertise so that others have confidence in the leader's ability
- The amount of power is related to the level of expertise
- Followers want to have confidence in the leader's ability in the leadership situation

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Personal Power

- Leader's charisma and personal characteristics
- Relates to the likeability of the leader
- Determined by the leader's emotional intelligence



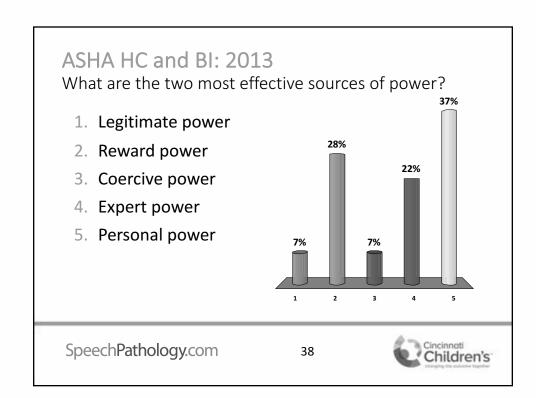
Sources of Power

What are the most effective sources of power?

- 1. Legitimate (Position) Power
- 2. Reward Power
- 3. Coercive (Punishment) Power
- 4. Expert Power
- 5. Personal Power

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Most Effective Sources of Power

- Power is best obtained by making followers WANT to being influenced
- People want to be influenced by those who have the following:
 - Personal power
 - Expert power

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People Who Have Power/Influence

Priests or clergy
 Sports heroes

TeachersDoctors

ExpertsMechanics

FriendsParents

Celebrities
 Financial counselors

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People Who Have Power/Influence

Priests or clergy
 Sports heroes

Teachers • Doctors

ExpertsPoliticians

FriendsParents

Celebrities
 Financial counselors

 They are liked (personal power) and/or have expertise.

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Personal Power/Influence

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Loss of Personal Power/Influence

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Least Effective Sources of Power

- Legitimate (position) power
- Coercive (punishment) power

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Least Effective Sources of Power

Just being the "boss" doesn't get you much power

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Characteristics of Effective Leaders

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Characteristics of Effective Leaders

- Covey (2000) surveyed 54,000 people about characteristics of effective leaders
- Most frequent characteristics, in order of frequency:
 - 1. Integrity (personal power)
 - 2. Communication (personal power)
 - 3. People orientation (personal power)
 - 4. Vision (expert power)
 - 5. Caring (personal power)

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Characteristics of Effective Leaders

Predictors of Employee Satisfaction in an Organization (Hay, 2004)

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- Two most important qualities in the leader:
 - Confidence in ability (expert power)
 - Trust (personal power)



Characteristics of Effective Leaders

- A review of the literature shows 3 categories:
 - Competence and drive (expert power)
 - Character (personal power)
 - Relationship orientation (personal power)

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Competence and Drive (Expert Power)

- Shows the knowledge and skills to get the job done
- Is ambitious, achievement-oriented assertive, decisive, and committed
- Is a problem-solver
- Is a visionary and is forward-thinking
- Takes initiative and risks
- Demonstrates a desire to make a difference
- Shows passion for the mission and vision

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Character (Personal Power)

- · Admits mistakes and apologizes
- · Has extreme humility and modesty
- Has a personal and organizational code of ethics
- Doesn't use power for selfish purposes
- Is a role model of behavior
- Is genuine and candid
- Shows integrity, honesty and trustworthiness

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Character (Personal Power)

Leadership requires ethical behavior when others aren't looking.

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Relationship Orientation (Personal Power)

- Shows respect and concern for others
- Recognizes the contributions of others
- Shows confidence in the ability of others
- Gives frequent positive feedback
- Is empathetic and supportive
- Doesn't take advantage of others
- Empowers others and delegates
- Works well with others on the team

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"And this is you Fred, because no one wants to work with you."

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Building Effective Sources of Power

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Building Expert Power

- Increase your "IQ" for the job or task
 - Find a mentor
 - Acquire new competences
 - Take a course
 - Obtain an additional degree
 - Ask for feedback
- If you are a manager or director, continue to provide some clinical care

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Building Expert Power

- Make it, don't fake it!!!
 - Be humble
 - Admit what you don't know
 - Be honest

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Building Personal Power

- Increase your "EQ"
- Emotional intelligence: "The capacity for recognizing our own feelings and those of others, for motivating ourselves, and for managing emotions well in ourselves and in our relationships" (Daniel Goleman)

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Aspects of Emotional Intelligence

1. Self-awareness

- Recognize your emotions and how they affect your thoughts and behavior
- Know your strengths and weaknesses
- Have self-confidence, but be realistic

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Aspects of Emotional Intelligence

2. Self-management

- Control impulsive feelings and behaviors
- Manage your emotions in healthy ways
- Follow through on commitments
- Adapt to changing circumstances

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Aspects of Emotional Intelligence

3. Social awareness

- Understand the emotions, needs, and concerns of other people
- Pick up on emotional cues
- Feel comfortable socially
- Recognize the power dynamics in a group or organization

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Aspects of Emotional Intelligence

4. Relationship management

- Know how to develop and maintain good relationships
- Communicate clearly
- Inspire others
- Work well in a team
- Manage conflict

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Learn to Become More Likeable

- We prefer to comply with the requests of people we like (personal power)
- To use emotional intelligence to influence others, we need to learn to become more likeable

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Learn to Become More Likeable

- Show that you care about the other person
- Listen and take an interest in the other person

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Learn to Become More Likeable

- Be friendly
- Be positive, cheerful, optimistic, and enthusiastic

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Learn to Become More Likeable

- Notice what the person does well, and comment on it
- Develop the habit of giving sincere and frequent compliments
- Thank people often

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Learn to Become More Likeable

- A large survey by Maritz Incentives, St. Louis 2003, 55% of employees said they were never or rarely thanked by their boss.
- We like (and therefore are more influenced) by people who thank us.

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Behaviors that Threaten Likeability (and thus Influence)

- Arrogance
- Self-promotion
- Volatility
- Explosiveness
- Impulsivity
- Defensiveness
- Uncaring attitude

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Behaviors that Threaten Likeability (and thus Influence)

- Negative attitude
 - Degrades likeability (personal power)
 - Degrades confidence (expert power)

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Appearance and Influence

It's not fair – but people judge you by your appearance

Butch Idontgiveadam, MA, CCC-SLP Barbie Whatsinitforme, MA, CCC-SLP

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Appearance and Influence

- Dress for Success by John T. Molloy was published in 1975
- The Women's Dress for Success Book by John T. Molloy was published in 1977
- Both were about the effect of clothing on a person's success in business and personal life
- Both were bestsellers

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Appearance and Influence

- Well-dressed people are perceived as more:
 - Intelligent
 - Productive
 - Responsible
 - Honest
 - Serious about their jobs
- Well-dressed people are more influential

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Body Language

- Use positive body language
 - Lean forward
 - Maintain eye contact
 - Smile

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Balance in Relationships

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Balance in Relationships

- In all relationships, there is a mutual dependency and certain expectations of each other
- Both parties want or need something from the other
 - Husband-Wife
 - Friend-Friend
 - Leader-Follower
 - Boss-Subordinate
 - Professor-Student
 - Clinician-Client

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Balance in Relationships

- The "gives" and the "takes" are called "exchanges"
- For the relationship to be successful, there needs to be equity and balance in these relationships



Balance in Relationships

- The leader is dependent on the employee to do quality work
- The employee is dependent on the leader for rewards (pay, benefits, recognition, etc.)

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Lack of Balance in Relationships

- Lack of balance in the exchanges will upset the relationship
- Win-lose relationships will ultimately fail

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Lack of Balance in Relationships

- The "loser" will ultimately end the relationship
 - Boss will fire employee
 - Employee will leave

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Balance in a Work Setting

- The leader's job is to make the employee happy.
- The employee's job is to make the leader happy.
- The relationship is balanced when everybody's happy.

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Servant Leadership Model



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Servant Leadership Model

 If serving others is below you, then leadership is beyond you.



The Power of Servant Leadership

- Begins with humility and the desire to succeed for the team and not for oneself
- Increases personal power, and thus influence



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Leading Up

- Leading your organization from the middle
- You lead from the perspective of a CEO but with the authority of a middle manager

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Leading Up

"Leading from middle requires [the leader] to develop spheres of *influence* within which one is perceived as a person who is *accomplished*, *capable*, and *trustworthy*."

Lead your Boss: The Subtle Art of Managing Up, by John Baldoni

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How to Lead Up

- Take initiative
- Be a problem-finder... and a problem-solver
- Think strategically
- Engage employees so they feel they are making a positive contribution

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- Be "low maintenance"
- Make your boss look good



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Key to Negotiations

- Research the facts to anticipate the needs, concerns, and views of the other person
- Consider what the person wants from you and what you are willing to give

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- Most importantly, aim for a win-win solution
- Think about the following:
 - What do I ideally want?
 - What am I willing to accept that's less than ideal?
 - What does he/she want?
 - What motivates him/her?

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Key to Negotiations

- Use creativity to find options so that there is a balance in the exchange
 - Can you help the other person to profit from your relationship or negotiation?
 - Can you make the other person's job easier?
 - Can you help the other person appear better in the eyes of his/her superiors?

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Use active listening:

- Focus on the other speaker
- Empathize
- Acknowledge
- Don't interrupt
- Ask questions
- Paraphrase

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Key to Negotiations

- Look professional
- Be likeable and friendly
- Pay attention to the other person's concerns
- Don't lie or exaggerate
- Be fair
- Focus on your goals, not on "winning" or "losing"

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- Be assertive, not aggressive
- Assertive:
 - Being confident and direct in claiming one's views
 - Recognizing and respecting the viewpoints of others
- Aggressive:
 - Trying to win at any cost
 - Advancing only one's personal agenda
 - · Being forceful, hostile, or attacking

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Key to Negotiations

Why not a win-lose?

- Negatively affects the relationship for the future
- Destroys good will
- Provokes anger, resentment, and retaliation

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Summary

- Power and influence are essential for leadership and working with and through others
- Important in professional, clinical, and even personal situations

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Summary

- Most effective sources of power are:
 - Expert Power
 - Personal Power
- Influence requires a balance in relationships

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Summary

Quotes from the Business World:

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority. Ken Blanchard

Aspiring leaders would do well to stop focusing on control and figure out how to expand their influence.

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Michael Hyatt

Leadership is not about titles or positions. It is about one life influencing another.

John C. Maxwell



How to Win Friends and Influence People by Jim Rohn

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSioEwnhPKA

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