

About Janice Nathan, MS, SLP-CCC

Janice Nathan, MS, SLP-CCC, is a speech-language pathologist (SLP) with over 22 years of experience working with autistic individuals. Janice grew up with an autistic brother and parents, and recently received her own diagnosis of autism.



Her area of expertise is cognitive processing of language and its effect on child development, interpersonal relationships and learning. Janice's innovative therapy, *Thinking in Speech*®, has evolved over her 21 years in private practice working with over 100 autistic individuals. *Thinking in Speech* was recognized for its innovative approach to autism treatment by the University of Pittsburgh Innovation Institute where it was selected for their 2019 NSF-funded *Pitt Ventures First Gear* program, and by Pitt's Clinical Translation & Science Institute where it received a *2020 Pitt Innovation Challenge (PInCh)* award. Her poster session paper, "*Turning Behavior and Anxiety into Communication for Social Problem-Solving by Thinking in Speech*®," was presented in 2019 at the 12th Annual International Autism Europe Congress, in Nice, France.

Janice was a Network (Clinical) Supervisor, for the University of Pittsburgh Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders from 2015 to 2020, before Covid hit. She provided practicum hours to more than 20 graduate speech-language pathology students interested in autism and related neuro-cognitive disorders. Prior to starting *Nathan Speech Services*, she was a speech-language pathologist for The Children's Institute in Pittsburgh. She began her career in Phoenix as a speech-language pathologist for Paradise Valley School District before moving to Pittsburgh in 2001.

Janice is the co-author of *Building Reasoning and Problem-solving skills in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Step-by Step guide to the Thinking in Speech*® Intervention, published by *Jessica Kingsley Publishers* of London. She has conducted workshops throughout the eastern United States and in Cairo, Egypt. Her video-recorded workshop for Summit Education has been viewed by over 500 professionals around the world. Janice is a member of *American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA)*, and the *International Society for Autism Research (INSAR)*.