

## **Margaret Gainer, M.S., CCC-SLP**

### Education

- Master of Science, Speech Language Pathology, The University of Montana, 2013
- Bachelor of Arts, R-TV Production, The University Montana, Missoula, 2005

### Professional Certifications/Membership

American Speech- Language- Hearing Association (ASHA) – Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC)

### State Licensed

State of Montana – Department of Labor and Industry - # 3340

### Clinical Experience and Specialty Areas

I began working as an independent contractor in affiliation with A Matter of Communications and Pediatric Speech Therapy Services in 2014. Before joining the private practice sector, I had the opportunity to work in Part C Early Intervention as well as in skilled nursing. Through Part C Early Intervention, I provided services for children birth to three in the home environment, where I worked closely with children, parents, and caregivers to facilitate early language, play, and feeding skills. In the skilled nursing setting, I worked with adults and the geriatric population in the areas of dysphagia, expressive and receptive language, cognitive-communication, voice, and motor speech. While I currently work with the pediatric population primarily, I also enjoy continued work with adults with expressive/receptive and cognitive-communication deficits. Specific areas of interest include early language and play, social-pragmatic language, and cognitive-communication. I recently completed a workshop and introductory training course on Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD), a AAC option that utilizes aided language stimulation to facilitate language for individuals with complex communication needs.

### Hobbies and Personal Interests

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, whether that entails watching a funny movie, sitting down to a meal, listening to music, or spending time outside. I am a big kid at heart. I love to be silly and appreciate a good sense of humor. I *try* to be creative and enjoy playing guitar, taking pictures, and attempting new crafts or ‘do it yourself’ projects. I also love spending time outdoors, especially in the summer months. I recently started paddle boarding and am looking forward to spending more time on the water.

### Philosophy of Care

To provide individualized, evidenced-based services in a fun therapeutic environment