

TRACY – MY EXPERIENCES AS A CONSULTANT

The Facilitated Communication (FC) Institute in Syracuse, NY is a great place for people to learn about going through the process of facilitated communication. I have so many great stories about working with people like Marilyn Chadwick and Mayer Shevin, righteous trainers who do great training to FC users. There you work to develop the skills to become great at typing.



The work that I have done with young students like Kyle has helped him start to be a presenter and to advocate for himself. We co-presented to his 7th and 8th grade class about autism and movement issues. This helped him start his journey to self-advocacy and telling his story. I was happy to help him tell his story about autism and make people understand that we are intelligent and have something to say.

I have traveled to a great many places where I have presented at conferences about topics such as self-advocacy, the right to communicate, autism and movement differences. I have had the great privilege to be a lead trainer and presenter while working with people like Harvey Lavoy, Pascal Cheng and Marilyn Chadwick.

The best think about doing this work is knowing that I am helping people to communicate through typing their words. This is the greatest work that I could do as a self-advocate. The opportunity to help change the way that people look at people with speech and movement problems and open their eyes to the person that lies within is very rewarding work.

-- Tracy Thresher