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Subject: Re: Qualifications for giving CTOPP

Shelly,

I thought the qualifications for those who we think can administer and interpret the CTOPP effectively were spelled out pretty clearly at the beginning of the test manual. I'm in Southern California at the moment, and don't have the manual in front of me, but I would disagree strongly with the idea that one needs to be a certified school psychologist, or a licensed clinical psychologist to administer, score, and interpret the test. In fact, a lot of school psychologists don't know enough about the psychology of reading or the relationship between language process and reading to interpret the test effectively. In my view, anyone who can pronounce and discern individual phonemes correctly, who has a basic understanding of the importance of following standardized administration procedures, who understands the meaning of standardized test scores, and who has a grasp of the way phonological processes and knowledge are related to reading skill should be able to administer and interpret the test effectively. To say that only school or licensed psychologists can administer and interpret the test is professional protectionism at its worst.

Best,

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