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“Two brains are better than one!” “Teamwork makes the dream work!”

We have all heard these phrases and we know what they mean: *sometimes it's better to work together*. In my research, I took this advice to heart and I created a partnership between researchers and speech-language pathologists (SLPs). In the past, researchers in speech-language pathology would develop tools for SLPs and it was the SLP's job to figure out how to use the tools in their clinical practice. But recently, I have learned that these tools are not always helpful to the SLPs and SLPs need different tools that have not been developed. In my researcher-SLP partnership we worked collaboratively to develop a tool for SLPs to use in clinical practice. By working together, the new tool was supported by research evidence and meaningful for practice.

This partnership was a win-win for the researchers and SLPs!