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Dr. DePompei's professional positions have included speech/language pathologist/audiologist in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, public school and private practice. She is currently employed as distinguished professor and director of the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at The University of Akron.

One of Dr. DePompei's major areas of interest is in traumatic brain injury (TBI) and resultant cognitive-communication disorders. She has developed support groups, co-established a TBI Collaborative in the Akron area that serves as a model for collaboratives nationally, and conducted research on the impact of TBI on the family system and communication. She has conducted numerous workshops and presented papers on these topics at international, national, state, and local conferences.

Dr. DePompei has also published over 50 articles on the topic of acquired brain injury and the family and brain injury reintegration to school in journals such as *Topics in Language Disorders*, *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, and *American Journal of Family Therapy*. She has guest edited several issues on traumatic brain injury in *Topics in Language Disorders* and the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. She has published over 20 chapters in books and she is the co-author of a book entitled *Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury: Proactive Approaches to Assessment and Intervention* (2nd ed published 2003).

Dr. DePompei was co-chair of the Brain Injury Association of America's (BIAA) Task Force on Children and Adolescents. She has received several honors including: 1. The Sheldon Berrol, M.D. Clinical Service award by BIAA in July, 2002. 2. The Robert L Moody Prize for Distinguished Initiatives in Brain Injury Research and Rehabilitation in March, 2004 ; 3. Fellow by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association in November, 2006; and 4. The Legends Award from the North American Brain Injury Society in October, 2008. She also served as chair of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the State of Ohio's Brain Injury Advisory Committee.