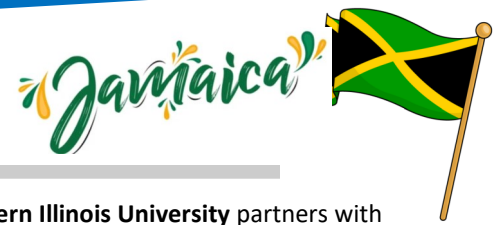


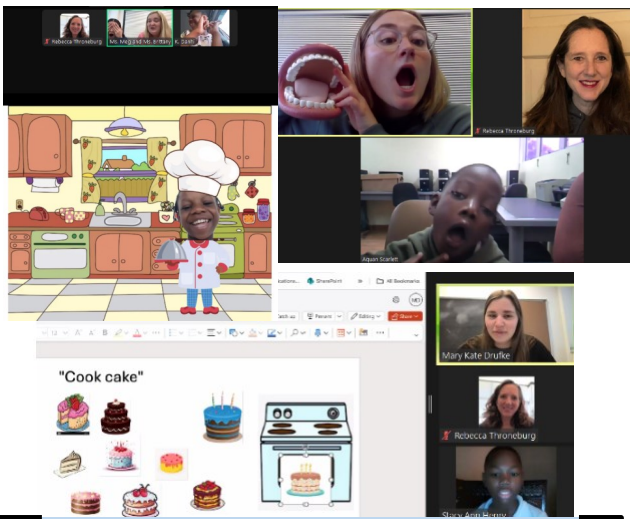
EIU Speech Therapy Partnership with



Since 2023, **Speech-Language Pathology/Communication Disorders & Sciences** at **Eastern Illinois University** partners with Mico CARE Centre in Jamaica year-round to provide speech therapy services to children in Jamaica. There are fewer than 8 speech therapists in the country for 3 million people. Many children are on waiting lists and never receive services.

On-Line Speech Therapy

All EIU graduate student clinicians provide a rotation of on-line speech therapy to children in Jamaica with EIU faculty supervisors who are licensed in Jamaica and IL. Some undergraduates may participate with independent study



Being able to provide online services in a country where options are very limited is more rewarding than anything I've ever done. Learning about another culture, having a hands-on opportunity with on-line therapy and also, just the personal connection and getting to know my client and her mother was incredible!

Speech Therapy Abroad

Each year, EIU undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to travel with EIU faculty to St. Ann's Bay Jamaica to provide evaluations and therapy at Mico CARE Centre.



This past week has been truly a life-changing experience that has taught me so many things about a new culture, and I was able to meet the most incredible kids, and work with the greatest people ever. Throughout the days we did therapy and evals at the school, I learned more than I ever could have imagined. Talking with the other American speech therapists that are working in Jamaica, I was able to learn about the endless options speech therapists have nationwide and internationally. The children were the greatest joy! Jamaica is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen, and I would absolutely love to go back one day if I am able. I made lifelong memories and amazing new friendships. Safe to say Jamaica stole a piece of my heart.

EIU Students and Faculty on the Therapy Abroad trip stay at an AirBnB in a gated community with a swimming pool and a caretaker, one block from the beach. They also have time to experience the beauty of Jamaica

