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# PEDIATRIC SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY

## WHY IS SPEECH – LANGUAGE THERAPY SO IMPORTANT?

Children who have developmental delays or special needs often need help to improve their language, speech, and functional communication skills. Children who cannot express their wants and needs become frustrated and may use inappropriate behaviors to try and express themselves. A Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) can help your child to become a successful communicator by working on articulation and language skills, so he or she can more easily share his or her wants, needs and feelings.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY?

Your child is evaluated by the SLP, then based on the evaluation and the concerns and priorities of the family treatment goals are established. Therapy is scheduled 1-3 times/week for 30-60 minute sessions to target personalized treatment goals. Therapeutic interventions are play based. Treatment goals for speech and language therapy may focus on the following skills/ areas:

- articulation
- language
- fluency/ stuttering
- voice disorders
- feeding
- reading and literacy



*Each child is one-of-a-kind. Early detection is important.*

*ACME aids parents in connecting with their child through language and learning.*



*ACME improves child communication and social abilities with peers and adults.*

## WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY?

Your child may benefit from speech-language therapy if they have difficulty clearly pronouncing sounds or words or have difficulty using words and sentences to communicate their wants, needs, to others. Because the muscles and structures used for speech are also used in eating, a SLP may also be needed to address feeding and swallowing difficulties. In addition, SLPs treat delays and disorders in fluency and voice.



## WE CAN HELP!

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