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What is a Speech Language Pathologist?

SLPs work with people of all ages, from babies to adults. SLPs treat many types of communication delays and problems. These include problems with:

Speech sounds—how we say sounds and put sounds together into words. Other words for these problems are articulation or phonological disorders, apraxia of speech, or dysarthria.

Language—how well we understand what we hear or read and how we use words to tell others what we are thinking. Sub areas include receptive, expressive, vocabulary, and semantics.

Literacy—how well we read and write. People with speech and language disorders may also have trouble reading, spelling, and writing.

Social communication—how well we follow rules, like taking turns, how to talk to different people, or how close to stand to someone when talking. This is also called pragmatics.

Voice—how our voices sound. We may sound hoarse, lose our voices easily, talk too loudly or through our noses, or be unable to make sounds.

Fluency—also called stuttering, is how well speech flows. Someone who stutters may repeat sounds, like t-t-t-table, use "um" or "uh," or pause a lot when talking. Many young children will go through a time when they stutter, but most outgrow it.

Cognitive-communication—how well our minds work. Problems may involve memory, attention, problem solving, organization, and other thinking skills.

Direct Service to Students

Therapy is provided to students through a variety of service delivery models:

- Individualized Education Plans
- 504 Plans
- Building level services
- Pull out services: E.g. 5 Minute Kids

Services are provided in groups or individually in pull out services to meet the needs of each individual student



Parent Resources

Please utilize the sites below to obtain further information regarding speech and language:

Apraxia: <https://www.apraxia-kids.org/>

American Speech Language Hearing Association: <https://www.asha.org/>

Milestones & Development: <https://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/>

Mommy Speech Therapy:

useful blogs, charts, resources

<http://mommyspeechtherapy.com/>

Language Development:

<https://childdevelopment.com.au/resources/child-development-charts/stages-of-language-development-chart/>

Sound Development:

https://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/ASHA/Practice_Portal/Clinical_Topics/Late_Language_Emergence/Consonant-Acquisition-Chart.pdf

