



# Children's Therapy

& FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTRE



## Speech & Language Therapy



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## What is a Speech - Language Pathologist?

A speech - language pathologist (SLP) works with children who have difficulties with:

- Speech sounds (articulation)
- Receptive language (understanding what others say)
- Expressive language (using words to express wants/needs/ideas)
- Feeding/swallowing (Dysphasia)
- Fluency (stuttering)
- Listening and learning
- Voice

We provide services to preschool children from birth to school - entry age, in their homes, preschools, day-cares, or at our centre.



## **Your child should be referred for SLP services if...**

- You have concerns about speech, language, or hearing development
- No babbling by 12 months
- No pointing or gestures by 12 months
- No single words by 16 months
- No spontaneous 2-word phrases by 24 months
- Speech and language skills have not improved over the last 6 months
- Frequent repetition of sounds or words (stuttering)
- Voice sounds different / odd
- Play or social interactions seems inappropriate
- Has a diagnosis such as cleft lip/palate, hearing loss, PDD/Autism, developmental delay, etc. and is not already receiving speech and language services



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## Did you know...

- Early communication skills are the single best predictor of reading success
- An estimated 4% of the preschool population has a significant speech or language disorder
- Children with behavioural problems are ten times more likely than other children to have language disorders
- A child should use 200 or more words by the time they are 2 - 3 years old and by the age of 4.5 years, their vocabulary should consist of approximately 2000 words

EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION IS VITAL



## Talking Tips

- Communication with your child is best when it's done face to face
- Praise your child's efforts to communicate
- Describe what your toddler is doing, feeling, and learning
- Read colorful picture books
- Recite nursery rhymes
- Sing Songs
- Talk to your baby while he/she is being dressed, bathed, changed etc.
- Talk simply and clearly
- Repeat, repeat, repeat
- Play with your child, and have fun!



## **Who can refer a child for Speech & Language therapy services?**

Anyone: parents, relatives, doctors & health care professionals, teachers, etc. The parent/legal guardian must be aware and give their consent for the referral.

## **How is a referral made?**

Our referral form is available at the centre or on our website. The completed form can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the centre. You can also make a referral by telephone.

## **How much does Speech & Language therapy cost?**

There is no cost to the family. Programs are funded through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

For referrals or inquires please contact:

### **Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre**

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