



**SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND
EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC.**

Speech-Language Therapy



At **SPEC** our speech-language pathologist assist children who have communication disorders in various ways. They provide individual therapy for the child; consult with the child's teacher about most effective ways to facilitate the child's communication in the class setting; and work closely with the family to develop goals and techniques for effective therapy in class and at home. Communications has many components. All serve to increase the way people learn about the world around them, utilize knowledge and skills, and interact with colleagues, family and friends.

What are Speech-Language Disorder?

Speech disorder affect the way people use and understand speech. Speech disorder include articulation (incorrect production or use of sounds), stuttering (a disruption in the flow of speech), and voice (inappropriate pitch, loudness, or nasality).

Language disorder include difficulty with understanding or using vocabulary, grammar, or the right speech for a particular situation. Reading, writing, gesturing, and speaking can all be form on language.

Educational implications

- ✓ Communication disorder carry the potential to isolate individuals from their social and educational surroundings.
- ✓ An initial delay in speech & language can become a disorder which can cause difficulties in learning.
- ✓ Communication problems can be a contributing factor to a child's misbehaviors.
- ✓ Communication skill are at the heart of the education experience. It is essential to find appropriate, timely intervention.

Indicators of Speech-Language disorders

You should suspect a speech-Language disorder when:

- ✓ A child speech and/or language is not similar to other children of the same age.
- ✓ A speaker is difficult to understand.
- ✓ There is concern about one's speech.
- ✓ There is difficulty expressing thoughts or ideas.
- ✓ The voice is consistently husky, harsh, or hoarse.
- ✓ A child experiences academic difficulties.
- ✓ Opportunities to communicate with others are avoided.

Intervention

At SPEC, treatment is individualized, comprehensive and different from others. We combine the appropriate dose of treatments with the right professionals to enhance outcomes. All our departments (Speech-Language, Occupational Therapy, Educational and Psycho-Social) work seamlessly to combine therapy with family needs, child development norms, and educational needs. You can count on our services being research-based to meet each child's particular learning challenges and special needs

Parents who are concerned about their child's development are encouraged to consult with a professional as soon as a problem is suspected. Early identification and intervention are critical in ensuring a child meets their full potential.