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ABOUT US

The Center for Speech and Language Pathology is a full service center that specializes in the evaluation and treatment of children and adults with speech and language disorders. Our center consists of five full-time, dedicated, well-trained speech-language pathologists who strive for excellence in patient care, teamwork, and continued improvement of knowledge and skills in our field.

REFERENCES


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**WHAT IS LANGUAGE?**

Language is a socially shared system people use to communicate. It involves three interacting components including content, form, and use.

**Form** refers to word structure and sentence structure that makes an individual's utterances "grammatically correct". **Content** refers to the meaning of language and the ideas that are understood and expressed. Language **use**, also called "pragmatics", refers to the social conventions of language. A language disorder may be the result of difficulties in one, two, or all three of these areas.

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**SIGNS OF A PRESCHOOL LANGUAGE DISORDER**

Children who have a language disorder may have difficulty **understanding** and/or **expressing** language, including possible difficulty with:

- Understanding and using gestures
- Following directions
- Asking/answering questions
- Identifying objects and pictures
- Taking turns when talking with others
- Putting words together into sentences
- Learning songs and rhymes
- Using correct pronouns, like "she" or "they"
- Knowing how to start a conversation and keep it going

Some children also have trouble with early **reading and writing**, such as:

- Holding a book right side up
- Looking at pictures in a book and turning pages
- Telling a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end
- Naming letters and numbers
- Learning the alphabet

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**WHO IS AT RISK?**

There is no single known cause for language disorders. Children have a greater risk for developing a language disorder if they demonstrate any of the following:

- Family history of speech and language disorders
- Premature birth, low birth-weight, and/or poor nutrition
- Hearing loss
- Autism
- Intellectual disabilities
- Syndromes and other related disorders including Down syndrome, Fragile X syndrome, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, and cerebral palsy