



What to Expect from the Speech and Language Evaluation and Therapy Process

Evaluation

The first step in the evaluation and therapy process is an assessment of your child's strengths and areas of need.

The assessment consists of a combination of parent interview and/or questionnaire, conversation, play and testing.

Depending on your child's age, testing may include the use of toys, picture test books, as well as speaking and listening tasks.

After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining test results, our impressions, and recommendations.

If, during the assessment process, we suspect your child may need support beyond speech and language, we may recommend further assessment and will provide referrals.

Therapy

Speech therapy is a process that takes time and dedication. It is a process of developing a relationship between your child and the therapist, a process of learning how your child learns best, and a step-by-step process to teach your child each skill in a developmentally-appropriate manner.

The length of the therapy process depends on your child's needs, his or her learning profile, family support, and other developmental, sensory, and behavioral factors.

Your speech therapist will develop goals in each area your child needs support in and will engage your child during each session in activities to directly target those goals, as well as provide you with home practice recommendations. Home practice is essential for optimal progress.

Our Approach

We believe in a tailored approach that combines best practices, clinical expertise, and your child's preferences. We use a play-based approach as much as possible and incorporate toys, games, and developmentally-appropriate activities into each session to keep your child engaged and motivated.

Some of the therapy activities will look and feel like "play" while others will look and feel like "work." Every activity, whether it looks like "play" or looks like "work" is designed with a specific goal in mind. We invite you to ask your therapist any time you want more information about the approach and selected activities.

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