

September Newsletter

"Communication for Life"

When Your Child Needs Speech Therapy

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You have suspected that your preschool child needs speech therapy and had him or her evaluated. Sure enough, you were right! He or she needs extra help to make sounds, follow directions, or learn new words.

The next step is to schedule a meeting with your school district. There, it will be determined how much therapy is needed and where it will take place.

The location of services is an important decision. While some children may receive therapy at home, it is not always the best place for therapy. Clinic based services, where you take your child to a therapy clinic, have many advantages over home-based therapy.

When services take place in a clinic-based setting we find:

- increased child cooperation;
- increased ability to focus on the therapy tasks without the home distractions; and
- increased rate of progress due to the above factors.

Clinic based services offer a dedicated time and space to work on speech goals. They also offer parents a chance to learn how to help their child at home. Home practice is critical and clinic based services allow parents a dedicated time to ask questions without the distractions of the home environment.

Clinic based services may also allow for therapy to take place in small groups of 2-3 children with similar needs.

We find advantages of group therapy to include:

- Making some children more comfortable by taking some of the "focus" off the child.
- Making games and activities more fun with peers.
- Peers can both model for each other, as well as show others are working on the same goal.
- Groups provide socialization and a chance to use skills with others.

When you find yourself at a CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) meeting, ask about clinic based services. Rochester Hearing and Speech Center offers these preschool services at our Greece, Webster and Brighton/Rochester locations.

Together we can maximize your child's progress and help them to be effective communicators.

To learn more about our Preschool Programs - [Click Here](#)



Congratulations to the Class of 2019

In August the Early Intervention Developmental Group held graduation for those moving onto preschool. Parents, family members and friends cheered as each student received their diploma.

The day was full of happiness and praise for how far each student progressed. We each student a future of success and their smiles will be dearly missed!

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Walk With Us - WalkAbout 2019

Please join us at Eastview Mall for the Al Sigi Community WalkAbout on **Sunday, October 27, 2019** for our family-friendly event that people of all ages and abilities will enjoy. The costume contest is a favorite of kids with all ages and the smiles on display will warm your heart for weeks to come.

This is a FREE event with breakfast, costume contest, indoor trick-or-treating, and live entertainment. Each participant who raises \$25 or more receives a WalkAbout t-shirt! Once you're registered, invite your friends and family to pledge their support and join the fun. Top fundraisers earn great prizes.

Cannot walk? We would be honored to have you support by making a donation?

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"Entire outlook changed, it was a full circle moment."
-Carter & Brayden

"I want a milkshake, please."
-Mila

"He is doing great! No longer shy in class."
-Yahveh

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CARE CORNER

Hearing Loss and Back to School

By Michelle Crye, AOS, HIS
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Going back to school is an exciting time for many families. As teachers prepare their classrooms, and students return to the building, there is noticeable energy and excitement throughout the school and college campus.



Whether your child is in primary or secondary school or even going to college, preparing for this occasion will be a vastly different experience for those with hearing loss. For those wearing hearing aids, the new or familiar setting will present a set of challenges. As a Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist, I am often asked how to make my child hearing aid ready for school or college.

Chances are the size of the classroom, playground and special event interactions will have a factor in how a student will learn and interact with teachers and other students. Here are a few tips to prepare your child for what to expect and ideas on how to use hearing aids to an advantage to make the school year a success.

- Learn more about your district and college resources. Some school districts and colleges have FM Systems available or partner with agencies like [Rochester Hearing and Speech Center](#) to provide this wireless assistive hearing device to enhance the use of hearing aids. Colleges have also seen an increase in providing [assistive listening devices](#) and captioning in the classroom.
- Build a rapport with your teacher/professor/coaches so they can assist in providing the best solutions to support your child based on their classroom dynamic and social environment.
- BlueTooth® is your friend. Amplified devices and remote microphone via an APP on your phone can be used to stream a lecture for example via Bluetooth® directly into the hearing aids. Such will decrease the use of a microphone in and outside the classroom. Small groups and loud environments become more manageable when sound can be pin pointed.
- Have an updated audiogram. This may be a requirement to receive school assistance and also beneficial to choose and program an assistive listening device.
- People are curious by nature. Speak with your child and practice how they will respond confidently to the curiosity. College even though more accepting may still require a bit of extra care to maneuver around challenges due to newly found independence.

Technology keeps advancing and support groups are readily available nationwide to assist parents and those new to college campuses. We are here to provide the solutions needed to make your child school year a success – **it is a collaborative process!**

Featured Testimonial - Lorenzo

Lorenzo was born premature at three pounds and nine ounces. Thankfully he had no effects of being so tiny until he got older. The family noticed that Lorenzo did not speak at the age when most kids started. At two years old, the family enrolled Lorenzo in an Early Intervention program with very little success. Remaining diligent with the understanding some kids may speak later than others, the family continued speech therapy. After six months, the family moved and was not able to continue speech therapy with the same therapist which they saw still no progress. At that time, Lorenzo was three years old and had a vocabulary of only five words.

Maria, Lorenzo's mother, knew there had to be more to why he was not speaking. During a conversation, a friend suggested Lorenzo may have a speech disorder known as Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Maria was not final but think every symptom being described was Lorenzo. Finally, something the family can work with; they quickly asked around for speech therapy recommendations. Rochester Hearing and Speech Center came highly recommended and they immediately scheduled an initial evaluation. During Lorenzo's evaluation, Maria mentioned the possibility that Lorenzo may have signs of Childhood Apraxia of Speech and asked for Lorenzo to be seen in this field.

"What a blessing," Lorenzo's mom indicated as he was assigned to work with Deb, a speech-language therapist who forever changed her son's life. Deb immediately evaluated Lorenzo and shortly confirmed that he indeed had Childhood Apraxia of Speech. It was like a heavy weight was lifted and the intense work could now begin. Small, no pressure goals were set up for Lorenzo where Deb worked with him for 30-minute sessions, four times a week at the Rochester/Brighton location.

"I could not believe my eyes and ears! Honestly, Lorenzo is a happier kid; he is no longer getting frustrated with us or himself!"

"I don't know what we would have done without "Miss Deb" and Rochester Hearing and Speech Center."

- Maria, Lorenzo's mom

To read more about Lorenzo - [Click Here](#)

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