

# Pediatric Speech-Language Therapy

## A guide for talking to your doctor

We work with children who have trouble meeting developmental markers or participating in everyday activities.

Our speech-language pathologists are trained to evaluate and care for children of all ages and at all levels of need. We use the most up-to-date tests and measures to help your child develop, improve, or regain skills.

### Request a referral

Your family physician or pediatrician will need to write an order for speech-language pathology. This guide can help you talk to your doctor about the challenges your child is facing.

Once your doctor writes the order, someone from our scheduling department will call you to set up an appointment at the location of your choice.

### What is speech-language pathology?

Speech-language pathology deals with speaking, feeding, and writing challenges.

Is your child facing any of the issues below? If so, speech-language therapy may be a good fit for your child.

- Difficulty producing speech sounds correctly or fluently (e.g., stuttering)
- Problems understanding others (receptive language) or sharing thoughts, ideas, and feelings (expressive language); can occur with either written or spoken language
- Difficulty using appropriate communication in varied social settings
- Problems organizing thoughts, paying attention, remembering, planning, and/or problem-solving
- Feeding and swallowing difficulties (dysphagia), which may follow an illness, surgery, or injury

### How we can help

The speech-language pathologist may help your child in the following ways:

- Create play-based activities with modeling and prompting of language to teach new skills or regain skills
- Provide skilled support and hands-on techniques for learning new skills or regaining skills
- Provide instruction for the child and parent(s) on techniques and recommendations for activities at home
- Discover what motivates each child and use that to make progress in therapy

### Speech-language therapy appointments

Phone: 612-273-6228

Toll-free: 1-855-255-9212

### Locations

- Burnsville
- Eagan
- Edina
- Maple Grove
- Maplewood (opens Dec. 3, 2018)
- Minneapolis
- New Hope
- Pine City
- Princeton
- Woodbury
- Wyoming

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