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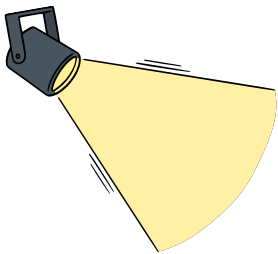
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Better Speech and Hearing Month



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Better Speech and Hearing Month is observed each May in an effort to increase awareness about communication disorders and hearing health. Speech-Language Pathology avocation dates back to the 1800s when professionals became interested in helping individuals improve their speech.



Disability Highlight:

Speech or Language Impairment

Speech refers to an individual's articulation of sounds. Speech disorders occur when an individual is unable to produce particular speech sounds correctly or fluently. The most common articulation errors are the "s", "l" and "r". Language disorders are characterized by deficits in the areas of receptive and/or expressive language. Receptive language refers to how an individual understands language. Expressive language refers to how an individual utilizes words to express themselves.

Quick Facts

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

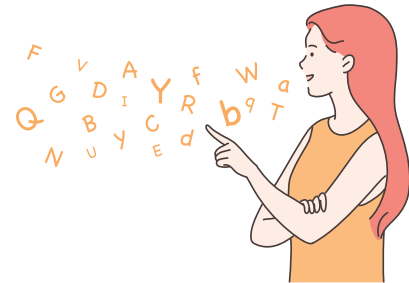
- By the first grade, approximately 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders
- More than 3 million Americans stutter
- Approximately 7% of Americans have a language impairment

National Speech Pathologist Day

May 18, 2023

Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems.
Celebrating our Speech/Language Therapists:

Ekaterini Baney
Michaela Church
Kelly Faynor
Jennifer Gallaro
Jennifer Linn
Taylor Major
James Myers
Kristen Pearce
Karen Serrett
Maria Staehr
Sarah Valentino
Amanda Worden



Simple Tips to Promote Speech and Language Development

Set Up Routines and Use Repetitive Language

- Use the same words/phrases repeatedly during routine activities. Use gestures, actions and pointing when required simultaneously along with speech. Give your child sufficient time to respond

Modeling

- Modeling simple language for your child helps them to imitate. It also helps them use the words/ phrases independently in meaningful contexts.

Offer Choices

- When you question your child, give them choices. Limit asking yes/no questions like "Do you want the red car?" or open ended questions like, "What do you want?" Instead, you can ask the question this way "Do you want the red car or the blue one?"

Thank You To Our Nurses



National Nurse Week: May 6-12th

Kelly Lupo - Auburn High School

Beth Brown Saville - Auburn High School

Svetlana Kuksgauzen - Auburn Junior High School

Lucia Vassallo - Casey Park

Jean Wiseman - Genesee

Lonna Vrooman - Herman Avenue

Heather Demaria - Owasco

Jennifer Spencer-Brown - Seward

Nicole Tortorici - Seward

KellyJo Totman - Parochial Schools

The School Nurse as an Essential CSE Team Member



The school nurse is recognized as a healthcare expert in the school setting. School nurses work collaboratively with CSE team members to evaluate and develop plans for individual students. Some students require skilled nursing services while some health concerns can be addressed as a Supplementary Aide/Program Modification. School nurses can be called upon to provide training to school staff to ensure that the student(s) can safely access all components of their educational programs (i.e. lunch, recess and field trips). A student's medical records need to be updated to ensure their plans are current and appropriate. The main focus is to ensure that the student with medical or health needs can remain safe within the school environment and ready to participate in their educational program.

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