Atypical Speech And Language Disorders

Every Child Can Communicate!
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A Parent Center serving NYC families with young people through age 26 - any disability, all boroughs

Here to help you make informed decisions

Practical information and 1-to-1 help

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Training Goals:

• Develop awareness of unique communication disorders and the importance of competent communication for each child

• Considerations for Evaluations
  – public and private

• Assistive technology

• The IEP process
Warm up activity
Types of Communication Disorders

• Speech

• Language

• Hearing Loss

• Disorders co-occurring with another condition
How does this impact a child?

Learning

Social

Behavior

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What is a Speech Impairment?

- **Sound Disorders (Speech)**
- **Articulation**
  - Fluency
  - Phonological
  - Voice
What is a language impairment?

- Expressive
- Receptive
- Mixed
Speech & Language Communication Disorders

- Delay
- Echolalia, social
- Aphasia
- Apraxia
- Dysarthria
- Non-verbal
Hearing Loss

• Conductive
• Sensorineural
• Mixed
• Central
Coexisting conditions

- Global cognitive deficits

- Autism

- CP and other developmental disabilities

- Physical

- Social/environmental factors
Therapy/Services

- Language intervention activities
- Articulation therapy
- Oral-motor/feeding and swallowing therapy
- Assistive Technology Supports & Services
- Sign Language
Assistive Technology

Devices: any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional abilities of a student with a disability

Services: any service that directly assists a student with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device
AT Devices

- Range of supports
- Low tech--communication books, boards
- High tech---devices and computers that have voice output also known as speech generating devices (SGDs)
Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

- All forms of communication except for oral speech
- Unaided communication systems
- Aided communication systems
AT Services

- Evaluation
- Purchasing, leasing
- Selecting, designing, programming, fitting, customizing, adapting, maintaining, repairing or replacing AT devices
- Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services/devices
- Providing direct support to student, family, school staff, etc..
Department of Education Evaluation

- Contingent on where services are delivered-placement
- Community schools
- District 75
- Non-public settings-regional CSEs
Independent Evaluations

- Do your own research
- cost, place, purpose, goals, timing
Individualized Education Program (IEP)

- Classification of disability
- Related Services
- Goals
- Monitoring delivery & progress—reports, communicating with therapists & teachers
- IEP mtgs—annual review, reconvene, triennials

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Supports and Services

• Special education instruction

• Accommodations

• Technology

• Play therapy

• Socialization/social skill groups
What you can do?

• At home

• Advocacy

• Record Keeping (medical home?)

• Community Resources

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- Special education
- Early childhood
- Kindergarten placement
- Bussing
- Life after high school
- Medicaid waiver services, SSI, mental health
- Camps, afterschool, recreation, social groups

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