Atypical Speech And Language Disorders

Every Child Can Communicate!
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A family-founded, independent nonprofit

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
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

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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

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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
free 1-to-1 help
RESOURCE LINE
MON-THURS • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
212-677-4660

• 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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