



Speech Therapy at OTA The Koomar Center

What can speech therapy help my child with?

- Expressing their thoughts
- Improving understanding others
- Building executive functioning
- Making social connections
- Improving speech intelligibility
- Building narrative language
- Developing play skills

Express Their Thoughts

- Use language to solve problems and talk about their feelings
- Use longer and more complete sentences
- Use more specific vocabulary (instead of empty words like "stuff, thing, It, that")

Executive Functioning

- Initiate, plan, and follow through with tasks (e.g., chores, homework, playing a game)
- Solve problems independently
- Take care of personal belongings and school work
- Learn how to wait
- Learn environmental awareness
- Improve attention and awareness to surroundings

Speech Intelligibility

- Be understood by others
- Know what to do when that are not understood
- Improve production of sounds
- Develop clear speech (e.g., support "slushy" speech and lisps)
- Support fluency (e.g., sound and word repetitions)

Understand Others

- Follow conversations
- Answer questions appropriately
- Make connections in their environment
- Follow multi-step directions
- Understand inferencing, sarcasm, jokes, and more complex language

Social Connections

- Maintain conversations
- Increase confidence to play with others
- Work together with peers
- Tune in to what others are thinking and feeling
- Improve self advocacy skills

Narrative Language

- Tell a story that can be easily understood
- "Get to the point" when telling stories
- Tell you what they did at school
- Understand stories

Play Skills

- Play collaboratively with others
- Consider others ideas within a game
- Develop skills for frustration within play
- Improve flexibility
- grow independent play skills
- Maintain play for longer periods of time

Wondering if your child could benefit? Fill out an intake form online

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