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*Helping you and your child grow
and communicate effectively.*



What's a Speech Language Pathologist?

Hi Parents!

You probably already know how much I love helping children and adults overcome speech difficulties. My staff and I are committed to equipping every client with life-changing tools to encourage successful and self-assured lives. Thanks so much for trusting us!

I had the honor of being interviewed by the Long Island Professional Network about my expertise in the Speech Language profession, as I cover a few topics that may hit home for many of you. Take a listen.



I discuss a variety of topics I know you'll find interesting:

- Stuttering
- Autism
- Educational impact of speech challenges
- Learning tools for children and teens
- Adult obstacles

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May is National Better Hearing & Speech Month

One quarter of U.S. parents of children ages 0–8 have had concerns about their child’s ability to communicate, [according to poll results released today](#) [PDF] by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) for national **Better Hearing & Speech Month**. At the same time, parents who were polled overwhelmingly agree that speech, language, and hearing developmental milestones are among the most important in life.

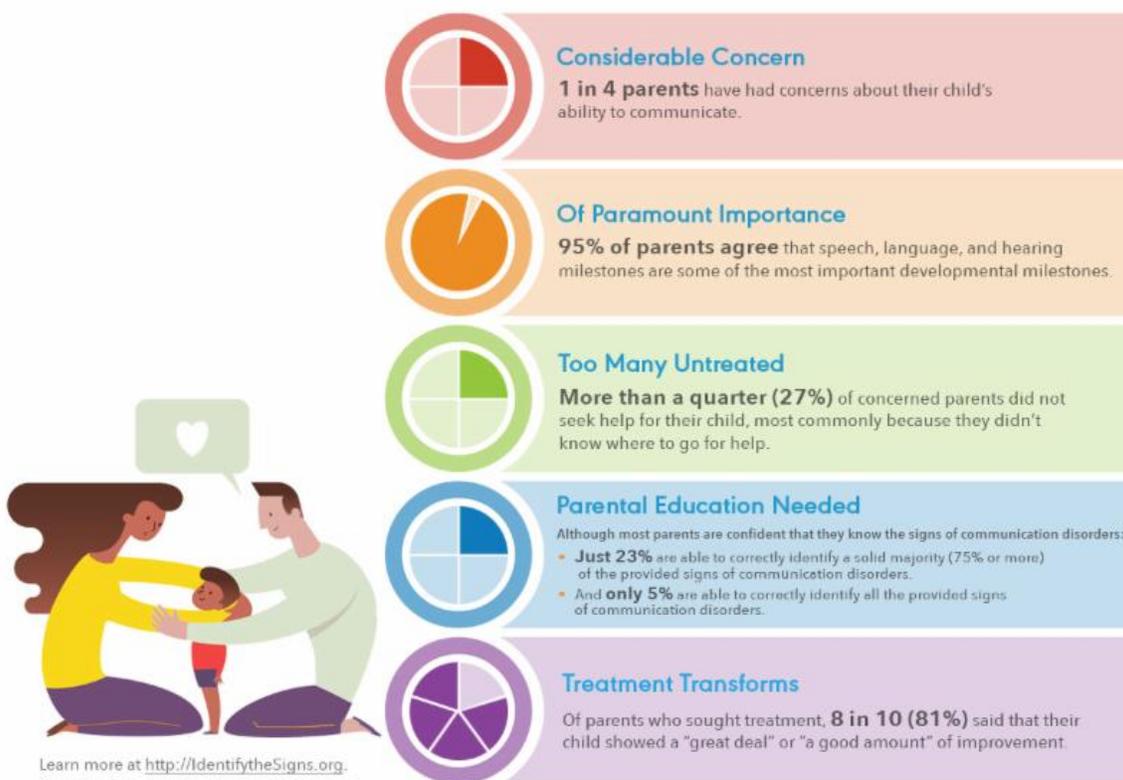
There are ways you can identify the signs of communication disorders. This infographic outlines a few compelling facts you'll find interesting.

Click the chart to get a bigger picture.

2019 BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH:

Identify the Signs of Communication Disorders

1,103 U.S. parents of children ages 0–8 were polled about their child’s communication



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Association



COMMUNICATION
ACROSS THE LIFESPAN
Better Hearing & Speech Month

Dyslexia



If your child has been slow to speak or has difficulty pronouncing words, don't panic. The future can be bright and brilliant, with testing and professional help.

Dyslexia is a common and correctable learning disability. It doesn't define your child's ability to thrive in school or in life.

Here are a few signs to be aware of throughout your child's development:



PRESCHOOL YEARS:

- Trouble learning common nursery rhymes, such as “Jack and Jill”
- Difficulty learning (and remembering) the names of letters in the alphabet
- Seems unable to recognize letters in his/her own name
- Mispronounces familiar words; persistent “baby talk”
- Doesn't recognize rhyming patterns like cat, bat, rat

KINDERGARTEN & 1st GRADE:

- Reading errors that show no connection to the sounds of the letters on the page—will say “puppy” instead of the written word “dog” on an illustrated page with a picture of a dog
- Does not understand that words come apart
- Complains about how hard reading is; “disappears” when it is time to read

2nd GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL:

- Very slow in acquiring reading skills. Reading is slow and awkward
- Trouble reading unfamiliar words, often making wild guesses because he cannot sound out the word
- Searches for a specific word and ends up using vague language, such as “stuff” or “thing,”

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Dyslexia Fact Sheet

Dyslexia is...

- ✓ A brain-based issue that makes it hard to learn to read accurately and fluently.
- ✓ A lifelong condition. Kids don't outgrow dyslexia, but with the right support, key skills can improve.
- ✓ A common learning issue. Many successful people have it, and researchers have been studying it for over a century.

Dyslexia is not...

- ✗ A problem of intelligence. Kids with dyslexia are just as smart as their peers.
- ✗ A problem of vision. The core issue involves understanding how the sounds in words are represented by letters.
- ✗ A problem of laziness. Kids with dyslexia are already trying hard. They need more help to make progress.

Kids with dyslexia may have trouble with...

- Writing
- Spelling
- Learning a foreign language
- Decoding (sounding out) written words
- Understanding what they read
- Rhyming
- Solving word problems in math
- Recognizing common words (sight words)
- Reading smoothly

Ways to help kids with dyslexia

- Multisensory structured literacy instruction engages kids through sight, hearing, movement and touch.
- Accommodations help kids learn and show what they know, like doing an oral report instead of a written assignment.
- Assistive technology tools, like audiobooks and text-to-speech apps, can help level the playing field for struggling readers.

Success stories

- Salma Hayek, Oscar-nominated actress
- Daymond John, Shark Tank star and CEO of FUBU
- Carol Greider, Nobel Prize-winning scientist

Understood For more information on dyslexia and how to help, visit [u.org/dyslexia](https://www.understood.org/dyslexia)



- without naming the object
- Pauses, hesitates, and/or uses lots of “um’s” when speaking
- Trouble remembering dates, names, telephone numbers, random lists
- Struggles to finish tests on time

Courtesy of The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity

**Questions?
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SUMMER ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

We're gearing up for our summer program and are ready to take your applications. If your child has been receiving services during the year and is not eligible to receive services in the summer, many insurance policies will cover this speech therapy. Call or stop by our office to reserve your child's spot. **516-742-3536**

Office Hours and Programs

Monday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

Continue sending your suggestions and questions to us. We love to help!

If you think your child may need specialized help, bring him/her in for an evaluation. A language and learning evaluation can give you insight into what is really happening.

Schedule an Appointment

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or

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The American Speech Language Hearing Association created a great chart that provides the stages of learning and development from Kindergarten to Grade 5.



[Download the Chart](#)

