

AUTISM SA SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES

What: Individualised therapy and group sessions

Where: Home visits, Kindy and Child Care visits, School Visits, Clinic based sessions at Netley, Northern suburb and Southern suburb venues. (Different costs may apply for different venues).

When: 9am-5pm weekdays
- Other times may be available on arrangement.

Autism SA is accredited and registered as a provider through:

- National Disability Insurance Agency;
- Helping Children with Autism Package;
- Better Start; and
- South Australian State Government Provider Panel.

To discuss payment options you can contact Autism SA who will only be too happy to discuss your options and potential pathways or if you have established contact you could discuss your options with your National Disability Insurance Agency Planner or Autism Advisor.

IN ALL OF OUR SERVICES WE AIM TO ESTABLISH GREAT RELATIONSHIPS, CONSISTENCY IN STAFF, EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF DISABILITY AND SPECIFICALLY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND EVIDENCE BASED AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES.

OTHER SERVICES AND BROCHURES AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Occupational Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Group Programs
- Assessments and Plans
- Information and Support services

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AUTISM SA PROVIDING

SPEECH PATHOLOGY

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY



AUTISM SA HAS BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN ACROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA SINCE 1964. OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS WERE FAMILIES DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAD ACCESS TO THE BEST INFORMATION, EDUCATION, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE REMAINED TRUE TO OUR BEGINNINGS.



SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Speech Pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, swallowing, fluency and voice. A Speech Pathologist can work with your child to develop their skills in the following areas;

- **Early interaction and pre-language skills** – e.g. listening, joint attention, turn taking, understanding cause-effect, symbolic play, pretend play
- **Understanding language** (receptive language) – e.g. understanding what words mean, understanding concepts, following instructions, understanding questions, reading comprehension
- **Using language** (expressive language) – e.g. using words, linking words together, using correct grammar, storytelling, using language in social situations
- **Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication** (AAC) – e.g. Key Word Sign, Picture Exchange Communication System, specific AAC devices
- **Speech sound production** – e.g. developing a child's ability to use speech sounds correctly so that they can be understood
- **Pre-literacy skills** – e.g. print knowledge, listening for sounds in words, blending sounds and sounding out words for reading and writing

- **Mealtime skills** – e.g. working with children who have difficulty swallowing food/drink and other issues around mealtimes
- **Fluency** – e.g. working with children who stutter

Different skills are required at different stages of your child's life. A Speech Pathologist will do an initial assessment with your child to assess their current skills (this may be formal or informal) and will then design a program based on your child's individual needs.

Further information about general Speech Pathology services can be found at:

Speech Pathology Australia
www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

Allied Health Professions Australia
www.autism.ahpa.com.au

Better Health Channel
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Therapy choices
www.therapychoices.org.au