


SPEECH-LANGUAGE SCREENINGS



Not sure if your child needs a speech-language evaluation?

A screening may be what you are looking for. You can get a *professional opinion* about what to do next with minimal investment in time or money.

- **Easy** to schedule with minimal intake paperwork
- **30-40 minute session** with you, your child, and a highly-qualified speech-language pathologist
- **Cost: \$40** for current clients; **\$50** for all others

FAQs

What is a good reason to schedule a screening?

- If you or your child's teacher has concerns, but you are not ready for a full evaluation or you are not sure that one is necessary.
- You just want to "check-in" with a professional to talk about elements of your child's communication development.
- Your child is at-risk for developmental delays and you want him/her to have follow-up visits on a regular basis to make sure he/she is staying on track.

What is the difference between a screening and an evaluation?

An evaluation is in-depth and can result in a diagnosis and a plan of treatment. It requires a significant intake process and analysis. A screening is brief and allows the professional to get some basic information to determine if a more in-depth analysis is needed.

Does insurance cover screenings?

There is no procedural code for Speech-Language Screenings, which means we cannot bill it to insurance. There is a private pay fee of \$40 current clients and \$50 for all others, due on the day of the screening.

Evaluations do have a procedural code and are typically billable to insurance when that service is covered on an individual or group insurance plan.

How do I request a screening?

Call the front office and ask for a speech/language screening. Give them basic information such as your child's name and age, and your general concerns. They will give you a few choices for times and dates to bring your child in for the screening.

How quickly can you schedule a screening?

A screening can be scheduled within a week or two of your request.

If the SLP suggests that I get an evaluation, what do I do?

If you would like to pursue getting your evaluations here, you would begin the intake process by talking to our intake coordinator. They will let you know what information you need to provide, help you with insurance issues, and schedule an appointment for an evaluation. The SLP scheduled to do the evaluation will review the information obtained in the screening and call you if more information is needed to prepare for the evaluation.