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Family and
Community
Support Services
and Programs

Speech Language
Evaluation and
Therapy Services



Social Thinking and
Communication
Skills





welcome

Good Talking People LLC is a well-established private practice in Speech Language Pathology and related services. Our staff of licensed and certified clinicians has over 25 years of experience dedicated to the diagnosis and therapeutic intervention of toddlers, children, adolescents, teens and adults with speech, language and social problems.

We provide speech language services to children and adults of all ages with various delays or disorders including:

Apraxia / Aphasia / Auditory Processing Disorders / Developmental Delays / Phonological Impairments / Fluency Disorders / Cognitive Delays / Articulation Disorders / Receptive and Expressive Language Delays or Disorders/ Autism / Asperger's Syndrome / Oral Motor Difficulties / Written Language Disorders / Social Cognitive Disorders / Language Processing Disorders / Hearing Impaired and more...

Since opening our first office in 1987 in North Bergen, Good Talking People LLC has emerged as a premier service provider for schools as well as servicing the special needs of the communities in the Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Rockland Counties. In 1999, GTP was one of the pioneers to develop, offer and implement social skills training programs for children with social cognitive impairments. We became one of the first practices in New Jersey to be certified by Scientific Learning Corporation to provide the innovative Fast ForWord Programs. We provide community services such as workshops and speech and language screenings to nonprofit organizations, parent groups and schools.

Our dynamic staff continues to strive to provide creative comprehensive services to the population we serve. We are committed to keeping up to date with the newest developments for the remediation of communication disorders for all populations. Arlene F. Rubin, M.A., CCC-SLP, founder and director of Good Talking People, LLC has developed numerous speech and language programs for children including numerous programs for the development and enhancement of social thinking and communication skills.



Diagnostic Services



Speech Evaluation

Full Assessment of Parameters of Speech:

- Oral Peripheral Speech Mechanism and Function
- Articulation
- Fluency
- Voice

A full written evaluation report with recommendations for intervention completes the assessment.

Speech and Language Evaluation

Assessment will include at least two standardized measures, if applicable, addressing the areas of need*. Full Assessment of the Parameters of Speech and Language may include:

- Oral Peripheral Speech Mechanism and Function
- Receptive Language
- Expressive Language (Oral and Written)
- Articulation
- Pragmatic Language
- Phonemic Awareness
- Other areas depending on need

All assessment protocols are individually designed to address the presented concerns and weaknesses. *Evaluations for toddlers and Preschoolers will also include play-based assessment procedures. A full written evaluation report with recommendations for intervention is included with the assessment.

Comprehensive Speech and Language Evaluation

Assessment will include at least one broad based language assessment with deep testing procedures to evaluate reported concerns & identified deficit areas. Protocols will address areas of high order language functions. This assessment is scheduled over two or more sessions.

Deep Assessment of the Parameters of Speech and Language may include:

- Oral Peripheral Speech Mechanism and Function
- Phonemic Awareness
- Receptive Language
- Expressive Language (Oral and written)
- Higher Order Language Functions
- Articulation
- Narrative Skills
- Pragmatic Language
- Social Communication
- Executive Functioning
- Other areas depending on need

All assessment protocols are individually designed to address the presented concerns and weaknesses. A full written evaluation report with recommendations for intervention is included with the assessment. School visits or observations are available for an additional fee and must be prearranged.

Evaluation For Social Thinking and Communication Skills

Assessment of social thinking and communication skills will include extensive interview and observation, formal assessment using specific language based protocols, social skills assessment tools and parameters from the *ILAUGH* model of social thinking.

Evaluation will examine various parameters such as:

- Higher Order Language Functions
- Social Communication Skills
- Gestalt Processing
- Humor
- Pragmatic Language Skills
- Perspective Taking
- Inferential and Abstract Thinking
- Nonverbal Communication
- Other areas depending on need

Full written evaluation report with recommendations for intervention completes the assessment.

Speech Language Consultation

A speech and language consultation does not include any formal assessment. This session is a review of records available and a diagnostic therapy session for the purposes of making recommendations for future services. Future services could include: a full evaluation, speech language therapy and/or related services. A written report is not provided but available for an additional fee.



Speech and Language Therapeutic Services

Individual Speech Language Therapy

Each session is specifically designed to meet the individual needs identified for the client. Dynamic strategies and techniques incorporate high interest materials to facilitate progress and carry over.

Good Talking People LLC offers 30-minute, 45-minute and 60-minute sessions to satisfy the needs of all clients.

Individual Speech Language Therapy can include the use of such programs and techniques as:

- Kaufman Speech Praxis Treatment Kit
- Talk Tools
- Visual Strategies
- Products by Lindamood-Bell
- Earobics & other computer language programs
- PROMPT
- Social Stories
- Floortime
- The Processing Program
- Social Thinking
- and more

Fast ForWord Programs

Our office is an official certified provider of the innovative computer training programs of Scientific Learning Corporation. All the *Fast ForWord* programs are available for either in the office administration or at home training.

Based on more than 30 years of research, the Scientific Learning Family of products strengthens brain processing and literacy skill to increase reading proficiency in students of all ages. The *Fast ForWord* program develops brain processing efficiency through intensive adaptive exercise. The programs develop and strengthen cognitive skills such as memory, attention, processing rate, and sequencing that are essential for learning and reading success resulting in improved critical language and reading skills such as phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, decoding, working memory, syntax, grammar and among other skills.

We offer all the current language and reading products of *Fast ForWord* Language and *Fast ForWord* Reading. *Fast ForWord* is available all year including summer.



Social Thinking and Communication Programs

Good Talking People LLC's social skills programs are based on the philosophy and research of many well respected professionals. These professionals come from the fields of speech language pathology, psychology, psychiatry, social work, and education. Our programs are individually designed for each group to explore the communication, social interactions, and social thinking that support successful and rewarding peer relationships, family interactions, recreation, occupational and professional relationships and academic achievement. Our programs work to develop better social cognition or social thinking including social reasoning, social interpretation, social memory and social expression utilizing a developmental and pragmatic approach to social skills training.

Some of the areas our program can address include:

- Play skills
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Self Advocacy
- Humor
- Impressions
- Conversational skills
- Abstract and Inferential Language
- Physical Presence
- Working Together in a Group
- Using language to initiate interactions
- Perspective Taking and Understanding
- Listening and Integrating Information
- Friendship skills
- Gestalt Processing
- Feelings and Emotions
- Nonverbal communication
- and More...

Mama, Papa & Me

A language based socialization program for toddler and early preschoolers & their parents

Mama, Papa & Me is an 8-session parent-child intervention program designed to facilitate the communication, play and socialization needs of young children with special needs in a structured group setting. Modules of 8-sessions are scheduled seasonally throughout the year.

The format of the program will include an opening and closing circle time and weekly theme-based lessons using developmentally appropriate activities to address play, social, language & speech skills. Parents and caregivers will be active participants in activities allowing for interaction time with their children, as well as an opportunity for the Speech Language Pathologist to facilitate play & model techniques that will enhance the communicative abilities in children with special needs.

Play Pals

A Preschool Play & Communication Skills Program

Designed for preschoolers from 3 through 5 years of age and incorporates structured play activities, literacy, role play, games, music & movement, sensory experiences, and art projects. The focus is on language enrichment, listening skills, social interaction and motor skills. Our child-centered program uses a developmental approach to increase awareness of other children, foster engagement, and encourage problem solving, expansion of play schemes and social interactions.

Kid Connect

A Program for the Development and Enhancement of Communication and Social Thinking Skills

This program is designed for children of all ages who present with social inadequacies secondary to expressive, pragmatic & social language and social cognitive deficits. The aim of the program is to improve the understanding of social situations, social thinking, and use of language and to develop communication strategies for successful peer interactions and family relationships. It will focus on facilitating the verbal and nonverbal communications, play and interaction skills necessary to enjoy meaningful and fulfilling social relationships.

Transitions

A program designed for persons with social cognitive deficits in preparation for the many transitions into adult life.

The program focuses on teaching skills for the facilitation of more meaningful peer relationships, employment opportunities, family relationships, community participation, post secondary education, and residential options. The program will address the social thinking, processing and communication skills necessary for meaningful and successful life relationships. The seminar-based program will also utilize real world experiences, field trips and guests to develop self awareness, self advocacy, perspective taking, gestalt processing, nonverbal communication and conversational skills to name a few.

Brothers and Sisters

A Program to Promote and Develop Appropriate Interactions Between and Among Siblings

Brothers and Sisters is a program for the siblings of all ages of a client with social cognitive inadequacies along with his/her sibling. The program is designed to facilitate the play and/or interaction patterns between and among the siblings to facilitate more appropriate, productive and fulfilling family relationships. The goals for each group are specifically determined by the profile and needs of the family.



School Programs

School Speech and Language Evaluations

Full speech language evaluation according to NJAC: 6A:14 compliance. Add on options:

- Assistance with the development of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) based on the results of the evaluation.
- On-site observation.
- Attendance at IEP proceedings.

School Speech and Language Therapy Services

Assist school districts in providing individual speech language therapy services to fulfill IEP requirements during the school year and for extended year obligations.

School Speech Language Therapy Contract Services

Provide on site speech language therapy services to private, charter and public schools by contract for the school year and/or extended year services. Certified Speech Language Specialists provide all the state mandated services for your students.

School Social Thinking and Communications Skills Program

Peanut Butter & Jamming – a social thinking and communication skills program for preschool through high school students within the school setting along with staff training supported by the school. This program can be arranged through the districts Department of Special Services and Board of Education and/or Special Education Parent Teacher Association.



Community Services

Workshop and Training Services

- Provide In-service training and informational workshops for paraprofessionals and family members.
- Provide complimentary informational workshops to non-profit and parent groups.
- Provide informational workshops for service groups (appropriate fee schedule applies).
- Provide in service training/informational workshops for school staff (appropriate fee schedule applies).

Parent Network and Referral Source

- A parent network designed to assist families facing challenges by pairing them with families who have had experience in the area.
- Referral and recommendations for allied professionals and services. All referrals and recommendations are based on the feedback of our families.
- Family Forum, a place to meet and share ideas, concerns, information and triumphs.

Preschool Speech and Language Screenings

Complimentary speech language screenings for preschoolers are provided at their day care or educational settings for early identification of children who may be at risk.



Summer Programs



Summer Speech Language Evaluations

All levels of our speech and/or language evaluations are available during July and August.

Summer Speech Language Therapy Services

Bridging the Summer Services Gap – reduce the risk of regression and encourage retention of acquired skills. All individual speech language therapy sessions are available for 30-minute, 45-minute and 60-minute sessions. Clients may attend for 4, 6, or 8-week units.

Summer School Speech Language Therapy Services

Provide Certified Speech Language Specialist onsite to provide speech language therapy services at the district's school(s).

Extended Year Services

Assist school in providing extended year and/or make up speech language diagnostic and therapeutic services according to IEP mandates and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NJAC6A:14.

Summer Social Thinking and Communication Skills Programs

All social thinking and communication skills programs available for an 8-week summer session. (Play Pals, Kid Connect, Brothers and Sisters, Transitions)