

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

The Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) will contact the client’s family/caregiver by phone or email when they are ready to initiate consultation.

The initial appointment will focus on meeting the client and their caregivers and identifying what communication difficulties the client is experiencing and the family/caregiver’s primary concerns.

Goals and a plan will be developed, and follow-up consultation provided if appropriate. This will focus on the client’s communication needs in the home environment.

**OTHER RESOURCES**

[www.osla.on.ca](http://www.osla.on.ca) The website for the Ontario Association of Speech- Language Pathologists and Audiologists provides general information and specifics about how to find a Speech-Language Pathologist in private practice.

[www.caslpo.com](http://www.caslpo.com) Speech-Language Pathologists are licensed with the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario and are concerned with the prevention, identification, assessment, treatment, education and (re)habilitation of communication and/or swallowing disorders in children and adults.

**INQUIRIES**

Please direct inquiries, referrals, and requests for services to:



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# Speech-Language Pathology Services



## WHO WE ARE

Sunbeam Developmental Resource Centre (SDRC) serves as the single point of access for clinical services, service coordination, children's residential services and children's respite.

These services are available to children, youth and adults in Waterloo Region who have a developmental disability and/or autism spectrum disorder.

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES

SDRC offers Speech-Language Pathology services to individuals over the age of 6 years. **Our goal is to facilitate functional communication for our clients within their home environment.** We provide mediator model consultation.

The Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) will work in conjunction with other professionals involved with the child including other SLPs to ensure continuation and consistency of care.

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES WE OFFER

**Consultation:** We provide Speech Language Pathology consultation to help identify communication and speech and language difficulties the client is experiencing. Suggestions will be provided to target the area of difficulty. This may include resources to use in the home.

## Consultation could include recommendations for the following areas:

**Expressive Language:** expressing thoughts/feelings/ideas, speech, grammar or word-finding.

**Receptive Language: (Comprehension):** following directions, visual cues such as schedules/calendars, social stories.

**Social Language:** social skills, conversational skills, turn-taking, perspective taking, social stories, expressing emotions.

**Augmentative Communication:** This could include:

Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) in a communication book, choice board, visual schedule/calendar, social stories, first-then board. Visuals cues can be used for communication or to enhance comprehension.

iPad screening and/or support of use of an iPad for communication through an iPad clinic.

**Feeding/Swallowing Assessment:** If an individual is experiencing feeding and/or swallowing difficulties the SLP may assess to determine the cause of these difficulties and provide a plan for treatment.

**Training:** Workshops and Speech-Language Pathology clinics are offered throughout the year regarding speech and language and augmentative communication. Visit the SDRC website at [www.sdrc.ca](http://www.sdrc.ca) for a list of workshops/clinics and their dates and times.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We provide mediator model training. That means we need a mediator (typically a parent or caregiver) who is willing to follow and implement recommendations. Caregivers are expected to help determine the area of communication that is difficult for the client and to provide direct support in implementing a program to target the area of difficulty to facilitate the individual's communication skills. This could include willingness to use resources and recommendations suggested. Our speech-language services are short term in nature.

If the individual would benefit from one-to-one speech therapy services, it will be recommended that a referral for Speech and Language services be made to another agency.

Communication is our most basic human characteristic. It is essential to learning, working and enjoying relationships. There are many ways to communicate including speaking, gestures, sign language, writing, body language, tone of voice and augmentative forms of communication such as picture symbols or speech generating devices such as a computer.