



FACTS ABOUT... SPEECH & LANGUAGE

- ✓ Communication disorders are among the most common disabilities in the US.
- ✓ 28-60% of children with a speech and language deficit have a sibling and/or parent who is also affected.
- ✓ The prevalence of speech sound disorder in young children is 8-9%.
- ✓ By the 1st grade, roughly 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders, the majority of which have no known cause.
- ✓ Children with phonological disorders often require other types of services, with 50-70% exhibiting general academic difficulty through grade 12.
- ✓ It is estimated that more than 3 million Americans stutter. Stuttering affects people of all ages but occurs most frequently in young children between the ages of 2 and 6.
- ✓ Boys are 3 times more likely to stutter than girls.
- ✓ 6-8 million people in the US have some form of language impairment.
- ✓ Research suggests that the first 6 months are the most crucial to a child's development of language skills.
- ✓ Approximately 7.5 million people in the US have trouble using their voices.

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