

Speech-Language Pathologists: How We Can Help

We specialize in:

- **Speech Production** – the sounds of speech
- **Fluency** – how our speech flows
- **Voice** – how our voice sounds
- **Resonance** – how our voice fills a room
- **Language** – how we talk and read
- **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)**
– using pictures or other devices to communicate
- **Cognition** – how our brain works
- **Auditory Habilitation & Rehabilitation** – how our ears hear language
- **Feeding & Swallowing** – how we eat and drink

**Reach out to your local SLP to determine
if you or your loved one would benefit
from SLP services.**



- **Speech-language pathologist (SLP):** a professional who assesses, diagnoses, and treats communication and swallowing disorders and delays across the life span.
- **Collaboration:** SLPs work in collaboration with families and caregivers, school teachers, health care providers, and other professionals to provide the best quality of care for the individual.
- **Counseling:** SLPs provide counseling to individuals and their families by offering education, guidance, and support in regard to the individual's related disorder.
- **Prevention:** SLPs contribute to the prevention of new disorders or diseases by identifying deficits at an early stage and reducing the impact of a disorder.
- **Screenings & Assessments:** SLPs conduct screenings and assessments to determine the presence and severity of potential communication, hearing, and/or feeding and swallowing disorders.
- **Treatment:** SLPs provide appropriate treatment to individuals by establishing a new skill or restoring an impaired skill or ability to improve the individual's functional status.
- **Instrumentation & Technology:** SLPs are responsible for using advanced instrumentation and technologies in all applicable areas of service.
- **Improvement:** SLPs have a role in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery by meeting the expectations of a changing work environment.
- **Diversified Practice:** SLP professional practice areas also include: advocacy and outreach, supervision, education, administration/leadership, and research.

All information retrieved from ASHA's scope of practice document:

<https://www.asha.org/policy/sp2016-00343/>



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