

Speech Therapy



Koorana Child & Family Services provides learning opportunities for all children and their families across the Inner West and South West areas of Sydney.

What is Speech Therapy?

Speech Therapy assists your child to understand and to be understood by others, so they can participate fully in the things they do every day in and out of the home. Koorana's speech pathologists can support your child to develop their speech, language and communication skills, and address their difficulties with eating or drinking.



Who is it for?

Speech Therapy is for any child who may benefit from a therapy program that will promote their ability to communicate their needs effectively in order to participate fully in community life.



What happens and how will it help us?

Koorana's team of professional and experienced speech pathologists will work in partnership with you to create individual goals and plans that work for you, your child and your family. They will work with your child in a variety of ways to help them communicate more effectively. They will also support you to continue developing your child's skills in their everyday activities.

A Speech Pathologist will help your child to

- communicate in an intentional way, using sounds, words, gestures and signs, so they can have enjoyable interactions with others in and out of the home
- improve social skills such as sharing and turn taking so they can make friends and engage in play with other children
- develop language skills that will improve their learning and education
- reduce stuttering
- address difficulties with eating or swallowing.

A formal assessment can be conducted if needed.

All children, All abilities, All possibilities

Where does it happen?

Speech Therapy happens either at a Koorana centre or in the home, classroom or other community setting.

How long does it go for?

How long the speech pathologist is involved with you and your child varies for each child. For some it may only be for a few sessions, for others it could be for several months. Individual sessions run for 45 minutes.

What if I do not speak English?

Your worker can arrange for an interpreter if you need.

What does it cost?

On-site therapy session (at a Koorana centre) \$135
Off-site therapy session (e.g. at your home, in your child's classroom) \$170.

If you are eligible then Koorana can claim on your behalf for Helping Children with Autism, Better Start, Medicare and private health insurer claims. If you live in South West Sydney your fees may be covered by disability specific government funding.

How do I access the service?

Contact us by phone on (02) 9750-4100 or email enquiries@koorana.org.au. You can also find out more at our website www.koorana.org.au