

**NOW YOU CAN BRIDGE THE TREATMENT GAP**

## **The Speech and Hearing Center Offers a Summer Speech-Therapy Program**

**Why put the brakes on your child's skill development?**

**You don't have to with us!**



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR CHILD STAY ON TRACK, CONTACT**

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The Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is the only nonprofit, United-Way supported, community-based agency of its kind in the South and Southwest suburbs of Chicago. Since 1978, the Center has seen over 240,000 people with their speech and hearing challenges and consulted with hundreds of local industrial clients.

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# Highest Quality, Professional Speech-Language Services for You and Your Community

## About the Profession

A speech-language pathologist must have a minimum of a Masters degree in speech-language pathology from an accredited university, complete a nine-month Clinical Fellowship, and earn a Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, and be licensed to practice in the State of Illinois.

In addition, most speech-language pathologists hold Early Intervention Credentials and are members of the Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association serving on several committees. The speech-language pathologists of the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center evaluate, diagnose, and provide treatment for all forms of communication disorders.

## Communication Disorders

Communication disorders come in many forms and affect the whole family. Autism, cancer of the head and neck, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, stroke, Parkinson's disease, cleft lip/palate, hearing impairment, apraxia, head injury, birth defects, and degenerative neurological diseases are just a few of the causes of impaired communication or feeding/swallowing difficulties.

The professional speech-language pathologists at Sertoma provide the highest quality services for diagnosing and treating not just the patient, but also for counseling and support of primary caregivers.

## Speech and Language, Vital Tools for Effective Communication

Speech and language skills are vital tools for communication. Communication involves the

Understanding and use of gestures, sounds, words, and sentences. A child or adult unable to communicate their thoughts and feelings experiences frustration.

## Programs for adults

Sertoma provides individualized adult programs aimed at correcting voice problems, stuttering, and articulation. In addition, we offer therapies to enhance the speech skills of patients who have experienced a stroke or have Parkinson's disease.

## Programs for children

The speech-language pathologists at Sertoma are experts in children's communication skills too. They are credentialed in Early Childhood Intervention and partner with Child and Family Connections.

Programs for children include autism, Down Syndrome, apraxia, stuttering, and sound formation. For children who receive services at school, Sertoma provides a summer-speech program so that they can continue their therapy when school is not in session. *See opposite side of this flyer.*

To avoid developmental and academic delays, early diagnosis is the key. A child suspected of having speech difficulty should undergo a professional evaluation. Sertoma provides free, speech screenings for all children three years of age and older.

Our professional speech-language pathologists work hand in hand with parents and teachers to help each child maximize their performance and achieve their speech-language objectives.

**If you have questions, need more information, or would like to schedule an appointment or a free, speech screening, please call one of your offices below.**

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**For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the office that is most convenient for you.**

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