

Speak Up Speech Therapy Services:

### *What is Speech–Language Therapy?*

Speech–Language Therapy begins with the evaluation and identification of speech, language, social communication, cognitive–communication, and swallowing disorders in both children and adults. A remedial program is created to address identified areas of deficit. Speech–Language Pathologists (SLPs) assess and treat people with speech, language, social, voice, and fluency disorders. A speech disorder occurs when a person has difficulty producing speech sounds correctly or fluently, while a language disorder occurs when a person has trouble understanding others or sharing thoughts, ideas, and feelings. Additionally, social communication disorders occur when a person has trouble with the social use of verbal and nonverbal communication, often an area of need for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

### *What is Early Intervention?*

Early intervention, also known as EI, is the process of providing services and supports to infants, toddlers, and their families when a child has, or is at risk for, a developmental delay, disability, or health condition that may affect typical development and learning. The goal of EI is to lessen the effects of a disability or delay by addressing identified needs of young children across five developmental areas:

- Cognitive development
- Communication development
- Physical development, including vision and hearing
- Social or emotional development

### *Speak Up Speech Therapy, Inc.*

Speak Up specializes in early intervention speech language therapy services that assist in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of physical and/or cognitive difficulties relating to verbal and non–verbal communication, cognitive development, and social language development. In our practice, we work closely with children and their families to improve the child's overall oral and communication skills.

### *Our Therapists*

Speak Up Speech Therapists are licensed and complete ongoing continuing education to stay ahead of best practices in our ever–changing field to give your child the best options for treatment approaches. Our therapists develop an individualized service plan tailored to each child’s needs and work with children on how to make sounds, correct produce of sounds and syllables, improve the tone/quality of their voices, or increase their oral language skills to communicate more effectively. They also work on coordinating and conditioning muscles used in swallowing and eating to prevent choking or inhaling food or liquid.