

Our History

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and its members have been committed to helping children with speech and language disorders for over 50 years.

The first Scottish Rite Clinic began serving children in the 1950's. Today, there are over 145 centers nationwide. The Palm Desert Center uses advanced computer assisted teaching and monitoring tools, and is committed to serving children of the Coachella Valley and surrounding communities.

With continued support from the Scottish Rite Foundation, our members and the community, our programs continue to grow and assist many children and their families.

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language and Learning Center provides evaluations and intervention for children at no cost to families. For specific information regarding services, age groups and program offerings, please contact the Center at (760) 341-6208.



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Childhood Language and Learning Center



THE PROGRAM

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language and Learning Center is staffed with state licensed, ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathologists experienced in the evaluation and treatment of various speech and language disorders including, but not limited to:

- Articulation/Phonological Disorders
 - Childhood Apraxia of Speech
 - Oral-Motor Disorders
 - Fluency Disorders
- Developmental Language Disorders

The parents of children receiving services are directly involved in the treatment program. The Speech-Language Pathologist, child, and parent work together as a team to ensure progress is on-going. Parents observe all sessions between the child and the Speech-Language Pathologist. This process allows the parents to develop the skills necessary to work with their child in the home environment. Making sure the child masters newly taught skills is the responsibility of the team. Each program is tailored to the unique and individual needs of each child.

EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION

The importance of early detection and intervention of developmental speech and language disorders cannot be overstated. The likelihood of a child which a communication disorder attaining skills that are comparable to his or her per group level is much greater if intervention starts at an early age.

A parent with concerns about a child's speech or language skill development should call the Scottish Rite Language and Learning Center for information on a free evaluation. Speech-Language Pathologists will complete a brief phone interview with the parent prior to scheduling an evaluation. Even if the parent is unsure of the need for evaluation, we encourage the initial phone call.

If the child is determined to be appropriate for evaluation and is diagnosed as speech an/or language impaired, he or she is likely to be a candidate for services at no cost. If a child demonstrates overall developmental delays that may no be appropriate for treatment at the Center, the evaluator may be able to recommend alternate programs to help meet the needs of the child.



OUR MISSION IS HELPING KIDS!

To Speak

To Listen

To Understand