

## SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES OFFERED FOR CHILDREN

Oral motor -- Help the child develop appropriate oral motor functioning for eating/swallowing and speech.

Feeding/swallowing therapy – Help the child development age appropriate skills for chewing and swallowing. Also involved is **training the caregivers\*** how to facilitate that development at home on a day-to-day basis with feeding techniques and suggestions for maximum intake at meal times with a safe swallow.

Speech therapy – Help the child produce speech in words, phrases and conversation with clear speech and age appropriate speech articulation.

Language therapy – Help the child develop the understanding necessary for language skills and to expressively communicate using appropriate language structure when talking and writing.

Augmentative/Alternative Communication – Help the child learn how to use communication devices to function as a communicator in all settings.

DIR Floortime – A therapy approach to help the child with Autism communicate effectively using an approach developed by Stanley Greenspan, MD.

\* A vital therapy goal for every child is to train the caregivers in approaches that enhance the acquisition of developmental milestones and ultimate functioning in all settings in which the child participates.