



This Summer and Fall, HSDC will focus one ENews on each of our five programs. This issue: **Speech, Language & Learning**

.: INFANT / TODDLER EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM :.

Bringing the Learning Home

Speech-language pathologists Amber Pirie, M.S., CCC-SLP, and Andrea Jamieson, M.A., CCC-SLP, are providing speech-language therapy to birth-to-three year olds, as part of our Infant / Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP). Best of all, most of the sessions take place in the children's own homes and community centers.

The ITEIP program is based on research that shows children who receive speech-language therapy in their earliest years of development often times catch up to their typically-developing peers, and do not require further speech-language therapy services by the time they enter the school system.

Nineteen of the twenty-three ITEIP families our department serves are currently receiving community and home-based therapy for their children.

Amber and Andrea travel to homes from Ballard to Burien, Kenmore to Tukwila, bringing a natural therapeutic approach to families, in the setting that is most conducive to learning for their child - the home!



.: FREE SPEECH-LANGUAGE & HEARING SCREENINGS :.

Quickly Learn if Further Evaluation or Treatment Could Be Beneficial

Do you have concerns about the development of your child's speech-language skills? Perhaps you have a friend or family member with a child whose speech-language does not seem to be developing on par with their peers? Or maybe you have concerns about your own communication?

The Speech, Language & Learning department at the Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (HSDC) offers free speech-language screenings for children and adults of all ages. We also provides free hearing screenings for children five years of age and older (contact us regarding infants and toddlers).

Free speech-language screenings and hearing screenings may also be arranged onsite at area private schools. In-clinic screenings take approximately 20 minutes and include a brief discussion of results with one of our certified Speech-Language Pathologists.

Consider bringing your child into HSDC, referring a family to us, or scheduling for yourself. Call our department at 206.388.1300 (or 206.388.1275 TTY) to set up an appointment today!

> [Learn More about our SPEECH, LANGUAGE & LEARNING SERVICES](#)

.: HANEN® PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR :.

Part of our Infant / Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP)

January marked the beginning of our department's four month long parent education program for our ITEIP families. A number of the families come together twice a month to learn strategies and broaden their skills in facilitating the developing language of their children. While parents attend the seminar, children participate in a therapeutic playgroup led by our program Director, Noreen Bucknum, M.A., CCC-SLP.



Several graduate students from the University of Washington's Masters Program in Speech-Language Pathology are assisting with the therapeutic playgroup. The seminar is being led by our Hanen®-trained therapist, Andrea Jamieson, M.A., CCC-SLP. This seminar is a first for our department and marks the start of a number of parent outreach programs currently in development. Stay tuned for future events!

.: CONTINUING EDUCATION :.

HSDC Speech-Language Pathologists Stay Current

Our clinicians have a broad range of interests and personal expertise. Each therapist strives to develop their therapy skills within their interest areas, and prioritizes keeping current with speech-language research findings by pursuing further education within our field and in the greater community. Some conferences our staff have attended or are scheduled to attend this year include:

- Gay Lloyd Pinder's Oral Motor & Feeding Challenges in Young Children
- SCERTS™ training, which focuses on social communication, emotional regulation and transactional support
- PROMPT® training, which focuses on the motor production of speech sounds with an emphasis on planes of oral-motor movement
- Michelle Garcia Winner's Assessment and Instruction for Students with Asperger Syndrome & Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities



WHERE TO GO FOR SERVICES

HSDC has offices in three locations - Seattle, Tacoma & Bellingham. **Speech, Language & Learning Services** are currently available at our Seattle office exclusively.

However, all three offices provide **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services**. The map at the right shows the counties served by each office.

Deaf and hard of hearing individuals can make an appointment to meet with a Client Advocate, learn how to set up a videophone, use our public videophone during office hours... and much more!

> [Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services](#)



HSDC is a nonprofit organization serving children and adults facing communication challenges - regardless of their ability to pay. Your contribution supports **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Audiology, Speech, Language & Learning** and **Early Childhood Education** programs. To make a donation that will help someone realize their full communication potential, please [visit HSDC online](#). Thank you!

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