



# SPEECH IN FOCUS Speech Pathology Services

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## Why is an early speech and language assessment important?

Early assessment by a speech and language pathologist is important because:

- ❖ Whatever the result, the assessment of your child's situation is the **best** way to find out what you and other people can do to **help**.
- ❖ It's **never** too early to **help** a child's speech and language development.
- ❖ If your child has **difficulty** getting started in language development, there are **important** pre-speech **skills to learn** from a speech pathologist. A speech pathologist is the health professional trained to help your child.
- ❖ If your child does **need help**, then it's likely it will **take some time** to have the right combination of services, funding, and resources to be put in place.
- ❖ Diagnosing the difficulty and finding ways to encourage your child's communication development, improves **better outcomes for your child's education**, and may **help your family** to reduce the stress associated with a communication difficulty.



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