

Summer Speech Therapy Services

Is your child “catching up” with the amount of speech-language therapy he or she is receiving?

Summer will be here before we know it. Establishing schedules for summer services will begin soon.

At the state level, Child Development Services (CDS) has indicated that fewer children will qualify for services offered by CDS during the summer. You should know that speech therapy services that are paid for through CDS are only designed to help children show progress towards their goals. Furthermore, summer services paid for through CDS are only designed to prevent children from losing skills.

This does not mean that the children wouldn't benefit from more intensive speech therapy, only that CDS will not provide it. **This does not prevent families from seeking services on their own, through their insurance coverage or MaineCare. Discounted rates are available for those paying privately for multiple sessions.** We feel that children should have the opportunity to continue learning new skills and catch up with their peers even during the summer months.

Could your child benefit from more speech, language or communication therapy?

We at Mark R. Hammond Associates believe, along with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), that children learn more skills and at a

faster rate during the first 5 years of their lives than they will at any other time. When children are behind in skills, we feel they should be provided every opportunity to

bring their skills up to age level. The 10 to 12 weeks during the summer should be no exception. The child's difficulties do not stop during the summer months.

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Special points of interest:

- *Speech-Language Pathology services can be provided to focus on maximizing learning opportunities for children.*
- *Services can be provided at a level necessary to help children close the gap.*
- *The intensity of the services provided can be based on each child's need as determined by the Speech-Language Pathologist, the child's parents and their physicians.*

**Please contact
this office soon to
schedule summer
speech therapy.**