



TREETOP TALK



Anna Shaw
Children's Institute

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Anna Shaw Children's Institute provides champion care to children and families for happy, healthy lives.

Apraxia of Speech in Children



In order for speech to occur, messages need to go from your brain to your mouth. These messages tell the muscles how and when to move to make sounds. A child with apraxia knows what they want to say. The problem is not how the child thinks but how the brain tells the mouth muscles to move. The child might not be able to move his lips or tongue in the right ways, even though their muscles are not weak. Sometimes, the child might not be able to say many words, and speech therapy is recommended for treatment. Not all children with apraxia are the same. Your child may show some or all of the signs below. You should talk to your doctor and be referred to a Speech Language Pathologist if your child is older than three years and:

- does not always say words the same way every time
- tends to put stress on the wrong syllable or word
- distorts or changes sounds
- can say shorter words more clearly than longer words
- has difficulty with fine motor skills
- has delayed language
- has problems with reading, spelling, and writing

The goal of treatment is to help your child say sounds, words, and sentences more clearly. Your child will learn how to plan the movements needed to say sounds and make those movements the right way at the right time.

Doing exercises to make the mouth muscles stronger will not help. Mouth muscles are not weak in children with apraxia. Working on how to move those muscles to say sounds will help.

Your child must practice speaking to get better at it. It helps to use all the senses when learning how to say sounds. Your child may use “touch” cues, like putting their finger on their lips when saying the “p” sound as a reminder to close the lips, “visual” cues, like looking into a mirror when making sounds, or “listening” cues, like practicing sounds with a recorder and then listening to hear if the sounds were made correctly.

Other ways for your child to communicate are learning sign language or may also learn to use picture boards or computers that talk. This is called augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).

If you have questions, please contact Anna Shaw Children’s Institute Nurse Navigator, Krista Rogers, LPN, at [706-226-8912](tel:706-226-8912).

www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/childhood-apraxia-of-speech/

7th Annual NORTH GEORGIA AUTISM CONFERENCE

REGISTER TODAY ▶



OCT 28, 2022 | DALTON, GA

Dalton Convention Center

2211 Tony Ingle Parkway

Dalton, GA 30720

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Doors open at 7:30 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Neurodiversity Expert Haley

Moss, Esq.

Attorney, advocate,
thought leader,
author, and speaker

haleymoss.com



Jackie and Jordyn Moore

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REGISTRATION

SAVE ON EARLY RATES UNTIL OCT 14 ___ \$60

Registration after Oct 14 _____ \$75

Student Registration _____ \$40

Group Rate (3 or more) _____ \$50

CEUs available for an additional _____ \$50

CMEs available for an additional _____ \$100

Breakfast & Lunch Included—Vendors Welcome

Certificate of Attendance available by request

Registration Deadline | Friday, October 22

The 7th Annual Autism Conference is intended for parents/caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, and other interested individuals. If you would like to attend this event and need assistance with interpretation services and/or auxiliary aids, please indicate when registering. Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.



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Register at HamiltonHealth.com/autismconference

Questions? Contact Lindsey Coker at lcoker@hhcs.org or 706.226.8913.

Parent Support Group



The Parent Support Group, hosted by Anna Shaw Children's Institute, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am.

● **SNACKS ARE PROVIDED**

Southern Magnolia room on the lower level
Anna Shaw Children's Institute
1201 Burleyson Road
Dalton, Georgia

Please RSVP by calling
Heather Mallett at
☎ **706.226.8911**

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GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.



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Dalton, Georgia

Para mas información póngase en contacto con Berta Castillo
706.218.5804.

**PRIMER JUEVES
DE CADA MES**

9:00 - 10:00 am



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LATINO PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in a parent-led Parent Support Group.

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**FIRST THURSDAY
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9:00 - 10:00 am

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