



## MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S SPEECH-LANGUAGE INSTITUTE



# LET'S TALK SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

For Children ages 5-7 years old

**Session 1:** June 26-29, 2017

OR

**Session 2:** July 24-27, 2017

Monday through Thursday

8:15 AM to 12:15 PM

*Parents/caregivers are expected to remain on site for the duration of the daily program so that they can observe their child's participation and progress.*

Let's Talk Camp Program is designed to provide an intensive and fun 4-day experience directed at improving speech production for children who are diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) or who have verbal speech challenges. It will consist of individual therapy, both small and large group sessions, as well as parent education sessions. Comprehensive evaluations prior to camp can be scheduled separately if needed.

MWU is a teaching facility; therefore, therapy will be provided by graduate-level clinicians and supervised by a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist. Each participant will be paired with a graduate student clinician in order to provide consistency and 1:1 supervision/support.

Midwestern University Speech-Language Institute

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### During this camp experience, your child's therapy will:

- Be individualized and intensive
- Include both focused and generalized learning opportunities
- Employ multisensory cues, facilitating speech production via auditory, visual, tactile, and kinesthetic channels
- Target functional communication in the context of play
- Address language and social communication goals

To be considered for Let's Talk Camp, families must submit an interest application (attached) and a 5-10 minute video illustrating the child's speech-language skills. This can be submitted via email or DVD. The communication sample and admissions form must be received no later than March 31, 2017. Review of the interest applications and video will be completed as soon as possible. If accepted, further information will be sought.

### Is Let's Talk Summer Camp Program appropriate for your child?

Your child may qualify for our program if s/he has a diagnosis of and/or meets one of the following criteria:

- Apraxia of Speech
- Phonological Disorder
- Dysarthria
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech
- Reduced Intelligibility

Camp participants should:

- Be between the ages of 5-7 years
- Be able to tolerate up to four hours of therapy activities
- Have completed a comprehensive speech-language evaluation prior to camp

Cost:

- \$500 for one session of camp. \$200 for an optional evaluation
- Once accepted, a 50% deposit is required, and the balance is due at onset of camp

## APPLICATION FOR LET'S TALK SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

In order to be considered for the program, the following application and a 5 to 10 minute speech and language sample is required by March 31st. Applications will continue to be accepted after that deadline; however, you will be placed on the waitlist if the program is already at capacity. Please email the following application with video to [elinde@midwestern.edu](mailto:elinde@midwestern.edu) or mail your application and video to the following address:

### MWU Speech-Language Institute

Attn: Betsy Linden

3450 Lacey Road | Downers Grove, IL 60515

\*Upon acceptance into the program, additional forms will be emailed for completion of registration. If a session is not filled, it will be canceled.

I am interested in the following:

- ☐ Let's Talk Camp Program only
- ☐ Session 1: June 26-29, 2017
- ☐ Session 2: July 24-27, 2017

- ☐ Let's Talk Camp Program and Evaluation\*

\*You will be contacted to arrange for an evaluation prior to the initiation of camp for an additional fee.

- ☐ Further information on Grants from the Apraxia Connection

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Diagnosis:

- Apraxia of Speech
- Suspected Apraxia of Speech
- Articulation
- Dysarthria
- Phonological disorder
- Receptive Language
- Expressive
- Other (i.e. Sensory Processing Disorder, Autism\ Pervasive Developmental Disorder)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Severity: ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

- ☐ My child is able to tolerate up to 4 hours of therapy activities daily

### Current Therapy

My child currently receives the following: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of therapy: (30, 60 min) \_\_\_\_\_

My child uses AAC: ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Prior to the program, if your child has not had a comprehensive evaluation within the past 6 months, an evaluation will be needed prior to starting the camp program. These evaluations will be scheduled in two hour time blocks in the weeks before the program starts and are billed separately. Please indicate your need for this service on your application form and staff will contact you to schedule the evaluation.

### INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Each participant will receive 60 minutes of individual therapy daily interspersed within the schedule of activities. Sessions will target goals specific to the needs of the child. A variety of supports will be utilized including tactile, verbal, visual, kinesthetic, and sensory to support the child in reaching his/her maximum potential.

### SMALL GROUP THERAPY

Small group therapy will occur daily and consist of 2-3 participants and their clinicians. This will be an opportunity for each child to generalize goals targeted during individual therapy in different settings and contexts. Activities will be functional (i.e., crafts, and games). 1:1 support will be provided.

### LARGE GROUP THERAPY

Large group therapy will be an opportunity for all the children to practice their speech, language, and social communication goals in a natural setting. Participants will continue to receive 1:1 support in this setting as they participate in a variety of large group activities (art, music, snack time, etc.).

### PARENT EDUCATION

Three parent education sessions and a parent-led support group will be held concurrent to the large group therapy. Tentative topics will include, but are not limited to: school advocacy and the Individual Education Plan, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and apraxia, and best practice for assessment and treatment of CAS, etc. Topics will develop based on the current concerns of parents in the program.

### ABOUT MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S SPEECH-LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

We provide a full range of speech, language, and swallowing services for individuals with communicative disorders. As an educational facility for graduate students entering the field of speech-language pathology, the Institute maintains high standards in its delivery of comprehensive evaluations and therapy. The Institute serves persons of all ages, from infants to senior citizens.

**For more information, visit: [www.mwuclinics.com/il/sp](http://www.mwuclinics.com/il/sp)**