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### **APRAXIA KIDS OBSERVES APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY ON MAY 14**

NATIONWIDE – Apraxia Kids encourages all individuals to use their voices while raising awareness about childhood apraxia of speech on May 14, Apraxia Awareness Day. Parents, professionals, supporters, and those with apraxia of speech are urged to wear blue, share brochures and other literature found on the Apraxia Kids website, submit or receive a proclamation in their hometown, or host an awareness fundraising event to further sustain the many programs offered by Apraxia Kids.

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak. Children with the diagnosis of apraxia of speech generally have a good understanding of language and know what they want to say. However, they have difficulty learning or carrying out the complex sequenced movements that are necessary for intelligible speech.

Raising awareness is one of the most tangible ways that communities at large can help children with apraxia thrive. Collective increased awareness means that children will be diagnosed faster, resulting in better, earlier intervention. A quick and easy approach to engage with larger networks is by following Apraxia Kids on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Hosting a fundraising event extends those awareness efforts and helps maintain the programs offered by Apraxia Kids that are used by thousands of parents and professionals each day. Individuals are invited to utilize the event kit offered on the Apraxia Kids [Be the Voice initiative](#) or join the [Make an Impact campaign](#) during the month of May.

#### **About Apraxia Kids**

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech by educating professionals and families; facilitating community engagement and outreach; and investing in the future through advocacy and research. Since our inception in 2000, Apraxia Kids has provided support to more than 100,000 families and professionals. We envision a world where every child with apraxia of speech reaches their highest communication potential through accurate diagnosis and appropriate timely treatment. We believe that every child deserves a voice. For more information on Apraxia Kids and childhood apraxia of speech, please visit our website at [www.apraxia-kids.org](http://www.apraxia-kids.org).