

Why is Talking Hard for Kids with Apraxia of Speech?

The act of speaking is really amazing! It involves our brain, parts of the face, mouth, tongue, jaw, muscles around all these parts, and pathways from the brain to the muscles. Follow this path to find out how speech happens and where in the process kids with apraxia of speech have the most trouble.

Apraxia of Speech

What's That?

WHAT IS CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH?

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.

WHAT HELPS?

- Proper diagnosis by an experienced speech-language pathologist (SLP).
- Frequent, individual speech therapy that gives the child lots of practice planning, programming and producing accurate speech movements.
- A way to communicate while learning to speak clearly.
- Funding for the cost of speech therapy from insurance companies and schools.
- Parents or caregivers who are involved in speech therapy and help the child practice at home.
- Care and support from families, friends, teachers, and the entire community.

REALLY IMPORTANT

With the right speech therapy and the support of the entire community, children with apraxia can and do make amazing progress in the ability to speak!

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech. Since our inception in 2000, Apraxia Kids has provided support to thousands of families and professionals.

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