

SPOTLIGHT ON HILLS AND DALES - Speech and Language

Speech and Language Therapy services are provided for preschoolers, school age students, and adults. Each student/adult has a therapeutic speech and language plan personalized for their needs. The students/clients experience a variety of difficulties within the areas of speech and language.

For the development of effective play, functional living skills, communication interactions and acquiring academic skills to meet content standards, each individual requires an understanding of our language and a means to demonstrate that knowledge.

Some of the causes for their difficulties include developmental delays, autism, cleft lip and palate, hearing loss, seizure disorders, cerebral palsy, apraxia, visual impairments and traumatic brain injury. Many of the people served require special technology in order to have a voice and ways to access their environment. Each of Hills and Dales classrooms has a computer with a touch screen monitor. Computers may also be accessed with a single switch.

In addition to providing therapy, speech services are responsible for testing in the areas of speech and language, interpreting the test results, writing reports, making recommendations and developing goals and objectives for Individual Service Plans (IEP's). Pure tone hearing screenings and tympanometry (testing of the middle ear function) are provided, upon request, and periodically. As of January 2009, all speech and language testing, report writing and recommendations for Help Me Grow children, (birth through age 2) with suspected speech and language difficulties was added.

REMINDER - BE SURE TO VOTE

Special Election

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

If you are not a registered voter you can register up to 30 days prior to the election. An application by mail must be received by your county board of elections by noon on the third day before the election. An application by you in person must be received by the close of regular board office hours the day before the election. If you will be unable to get out to the polls to vote pick up an absentee ballot at your election head quarters or visit www.highlandcountyelections.com.