



Speech Therapy

➤ **Koorana Child & Family Services provides therapeutic interventions for children and their families across Sydney.**



What is Speech Therapy?

Speech Therapy aims to boost your child's communication skills and lays the foundation for full participation in education, social and family life. Koorana's experienced speech pathologists can support your child to advance their speech, language and non-verbal communication skills as well as addressing challenges they may be experiencing with eating or drinking.

What does a Speech Therapy program look like?

Koorana's team will work with you to identify goals and strategies to help your child reach their full communication potential. We will coach you to continue developing your child's communication skills in their everyday activities.

Our team will help your child to:

- Communicate in an intentional way, using sounds, words, gestures and signs, so they can have enjoyable interactions with others in and out of the home;
- Develop language skills to facilitate life-long learning and educational achievement;
- Learn social skills such as sharing and taking turns so they can make friends and engage with other children;
- Reduce stuttering and help your child speak fluently; and
- Address difficulties with eating or swallowing.

How long does Speech Therapy go for?

Individual sessions run for 30 - 60 minutes. The total number of speech therapy sessions varies with each child and depends on individual goals and therapeutic needs. We will talk with you to plan the best course of action for your child.

Where does Speech Therapy take place?

For speech therapy to be most effective, it is best practice to carry out interventions in the child's natural environment. Koorana has a mobile team of therapists who will meet you at a location of your preference including at home, school or any other meaningful setting in your child's life. Some interventions may also be best delivered at your local Koorana centre. Our team will work closely with you to establish a location that best suit your needs.

What if I do not speak English?

We can arrange for an interpreter for you if needed.

Do I need a referral to access Speech Therapy?

No, you do not need a referral. To access Medicare funding, you will need to see your GP to determine eligibility and to obtain a treatment plan.

What is the cost of Speech Therapy?

Prices are set according to the NDIS price guide. If you have an NDIS plan with therapy funding, the cost of speech therapy will be met by your NDIS plan. Medicare covers a percentage of treatment costs. Private health funds may also cover these costs depending on your plan. Please talk to us to discuss the best funding options for you.

Call us now to talk about how Koorana can help you and your child.

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