

Articulation Delay and Disorder



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What is it?

A child with an articulation delay/disorder has difficulty with producing age appropriate individual speech sounds resulting in speech that is difficult for listeners to understand.

A child with an articulation delay is showing speech developing at a normal sequential pattern, but not yet age appropriate. A child with an articulation disorder demonstrates speech errors that are not normally seen in typical speech development.

How can you help your child?

Be a Good Speech Model

When your child produces an error, repeat the word correctly a few times in conversation (ex. child: That's a nice tar! you: It is a nice car. I wish I had that car. That car is fast!)

There is no need to demand your child to repeat the word back correctly.

Praise

Praise your child for accurate productions. "I like how you said your sound clearly!"

Practice

Take a few minutes every day to practice the sounds that your child is working on. Complete homework as assigned from his/her speech therapist.

Face to Face

Get face to face with your child so he/she can see your accurate production of sounds.

Read

Read to your child and when their target sounds appear, make sure to emphasize them. For readers, encourage them to find their target sounds used in the book.

Encourage Self Monitoring

Talk about making mistakes and fixing them. For example, you can tell your child, "If I said get the tea, but I really meant key, I would have to fix how I said it to get what I want."

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