

## SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

### FAST FACTS

Milestones staff address these therapeutic needs:

- expressive language
- receptive language
- respiration
- voice disturbances
- articulation
- oral motor skills
- swallowing
- chewing
- adaptive feeding
- facial weakness
- reading/literacy
- auditory processing
- alternative/augmentative communication

Participation in family/community life, making new friends, success in school – all can be significantly more difficult when communication or swallowing problems exist. In Milestones' speech-language/swallowing programs, therapists facilitate our patients' skills utilizing a variety of innovative techniques and setting a rapid course for progress. Sophisticated treatments for all ages from infancy through geriatrics are the order of the day at Milestones.

Our staff possess a multitude of specialty certifications in state-of-the-art whole-body applications, including **VitalStim Therapy** (an active rehabilitation program combining the physiological benefits of Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation volitional therapeutic programming for swallowing disorders), **Deep Pharyngeal Neuromuscular Stimulation (DPNS)**, **The European Pediatric Approach**, **NDT**, **PROMPT therapy** (direct tactile input to the articulators to facilitate speedy motor sequencing for sounds in words) **Listening Fitness Training (LIFT)** and **Samonas Auditory Intervention** – both based upon the Tomatis Method for treating auditory processing disorders.

Our staff includes dually certified deaf-educators/SLP's, as well as bilingual teammates whom are fluent in Spanish and American Sign Language. Milestones also offers a comprehensive augmentative communication program replete with a variety of options from the light-tech **Picture Exchange Systems (PECS)** to state-of-the-art **Dynavox** computerized voice output devices for those clients in need of such services.

Milestones staff includes specialists trained in the internationally acclaimed **Hanen Language Program**. Milestones has Certified Trainers who help guide and hone parental and educator skills for language facilitation in young children using sophisticated video feedback. We believe that by helping others learn how to efficiently replicate learning opportunities in homes and schools, our children will have a meteoric success rate – versus that of a snail's pace – by sheer virtue of opportunities harnessed.

Additionally, Milestones presents **Fast ForWord Language and Language to Reading Programs** with certified trainers and coaches (the addition of a certified dually licensed Reading Specialist/Speech-language Pathologist is planned).

We are dedicated to meeting all of our clients' ever-changing needs, and to treating our patients from the inside out. ■

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