Services Provided by the Clinic

There are a variety of speech and language services provided through the RiteCare Speech and Language Disorders Clinic. They include:

♦ Preschool Group - group language therapy for children 2 to pre-kindergarten
♦ Individual Therapy - one on one therapy for young children 2 years and older
♦ Other Services - speech and language screenings, feeding and swallowing assessments, computer supported literacy website

The Omaha RiteCare Clinic is located at:
Munroe-Meyer Institute
44th & Dewey St.
(402) 559-6460
Preschool Group

The purpose of the preschool group is to increase the expressive communication abilities of preschool age children. The group is run by two certified speech language pathologists. The children are scheduled to attend one 1½ hour group session a week. There are typically six children in a group. Communication strategies, such as use of sign language, pictures, and augmentative communication devices, are implemented to support and expand the child's verbal communication. The group's activities include music, book time, art, and snack. Activities are structured around increasing the child's opportunities and requirements to communicate at a level appropriate to their abilities.

Who qualifies for this program?

- children 2 years to pre-kindergarten
- children with speech/language delays or overall developmental delays
- children with neuromotor speech disorders, such as dysarthria or developmental apraxia
- children with other diagnoses, such as Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, etc.

Individual Therapy

Individual therapy services are provided by certified speech language pathologists. Therapy focuses mainly on children with neuromotor speech disorders and those who use alternative forms of communication. Children are typically scheduled for one to two 30 minute therapy sessions per week.

What are neuromotor speech disorders?

- speech disorders that affect the coordination or tone of the muscles used to produce speech
- examples are: developmental apraxia and dysarthria
- child may produce very few sounds and have difficulties imitating sounds or words
- child may have imprecise speech

What are alternative forms of communication?

- use of pictures or symbols
- use of voice output device
- use of sign language

Other Services

Speech and Language Screenings

The RiteCare clinicians perform screenings of children's articulation, expressive language, and receptive language skills. These screenings often help determine eligibility for services.

Feeding and Swallowing

Some children have difficulties with swallowing or eating different foods. When these problems are severe, children are seen by a certified speech therapist as part of a Feeding and Swallowing Team who specialize in providing techniques to assist with these problems.

Computer Supported Literacy Website

To provide information on supporting literacy for children with special needs, the Omaha Scottish Rite Foundation in collaboration with the Barkley Center of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln created a website. It includes information about how to utilize computers to support learning in the areas of reading and writing for struggling students (language based disorders, dyslexia, etc.). Computer supported literacy technology, and learning strategies are enhanced with video clips to demonstrate some of the information. Please visit the website at:

http://aac.unl.edu/csl/literacy.html