

Santa Rosa RiteCare® Childhood Language Center

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Admission Guidelines

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Children receive therapy at the Santa Rosa RiteCare® Childhood Language Center free of charge.

1. Santa Rosa RiteCare® Childhood Language Center serves children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years of age in the greater Santa Rosa area. These children usually have a significant speech, language or literacy (reading or spelling) disorder. In order to qualify for services, children must fall within average to above-average intelligence, exhibit typical age appropriate behavior, and must be able to make significant progress toward their speech and language goals as determined by the therapists and the Executive Director.

In keeping with statewide California Scottish Rite Foundation Guidelines, we are unable to provide services for children who have a diagnosis of:

- * Low cognitive ability
- * Articulation delays only
- * Attention Problems
- * Emotional/Behavior Problems
- * Spectrum Disorders (Autism, Asperger's, PDD Syndrome)
- * Other conditions that would preclude children from making significant progress toward their speech and language goals.

If a child receives a diagnosis of any of the previously listed diagnoses after enrollment at the Santa Rosa RiteCare® Childhood Language Center, therapy will be discontinued.

These decisions are made on a case by case basis and are final. We may request additional testing to confirm a diagnosis.

We require immunization documentation.

- 2.** Our center is only able to evaluate and treat children whose primary language is English and speak and understand English. The California English Language Development Test (CELDT) may be required.
- 3.** Children with behavior issues that compromise the effectiveness of therapy will not be accepted for therapy (or will be discontinued) until such behaviors are modified. Therapy will begin (or resume) at the discretion of the therapist and the Executive Director. Children will be admitted for therapy in three month increments for up to 18 months at the discretion of the therapist and the Executive Director. This means at the end of every 3 month period of time, the therapist and the Executive Director will review progress and adherence to center policies to determine if the child is eligible for continued services.
- 4.** Regular and prompt attendance is essential for a child to receive maximum benefit from therapy. Chronic and excessive tardiness will result in dismissal from therapy. **If a child is to be absent from a session, the parent must call the Center office 24 hours in advance.** The only exception is in the case of a child who becomes suddenly ill. Please do not bring sick children to the Center; they will be sent home. Missed sessions are not made up. Sessions missed without the 24 hour notice are considered a “no show”. When 3 “no shows” are accrued, the child will be dropped from therapy.
- 5.** Therapists at the Santa Rosa RiteCare® Childhood Language Center are independent contractors. As such, they set their own schedules, determine their caseload size, and develop appropriate therapies. Availability of therapy can be affected by their chosen work schedules.