

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Speech-language pathologists can help.

Each child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is unique, with their own challenges and needs. For this reason, collaborative care is key to helping children with ASD reach their individual goals.

As professionals who offer specialized expertise in all aspects of verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, speech-language pathologists (S-LPs) are essential to ASD care.



S-LPs HELP CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM:

PROVIDE IN-DEPTH SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION ASSESSMENTS.

These assessments determine the nature of a child's communication strengths and challenges.



PROVIDE EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERVENTIONS.

There is no single effective treatment approach for all people with ASD. S-LPs use a variety of techniques and approaches to customize their treatment plans based on individual needs and preferences.



COACH AND EDUCATE CAREGIVERS.

S-LPs work with caregivers to help them better understand the nature of their child's communication challenges.



WORK COLLABORATIVELY.

S-LPs work with other professionals, recognizing that collaborative care teams, with diverse knowledge and expertise, offer the best support system for children with ASD and their families.

