

## Unlocking the World of Communication

Established in 1990, the Minnesota Masonic Children's Clinic for Communication Disorders (formerly the Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders) has helped countless families unlock the world of communication for their children. Reasons of language delays are varied, from hearing impairment and cognitive delays to motor disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The expert staff at the Masonic Children's Clinic includes licensed speech/language pathologists and an audiologist who can provide the necessary assessments and tools to help children ages birth to nine years master language acquisition, and empower their parents to guide them.

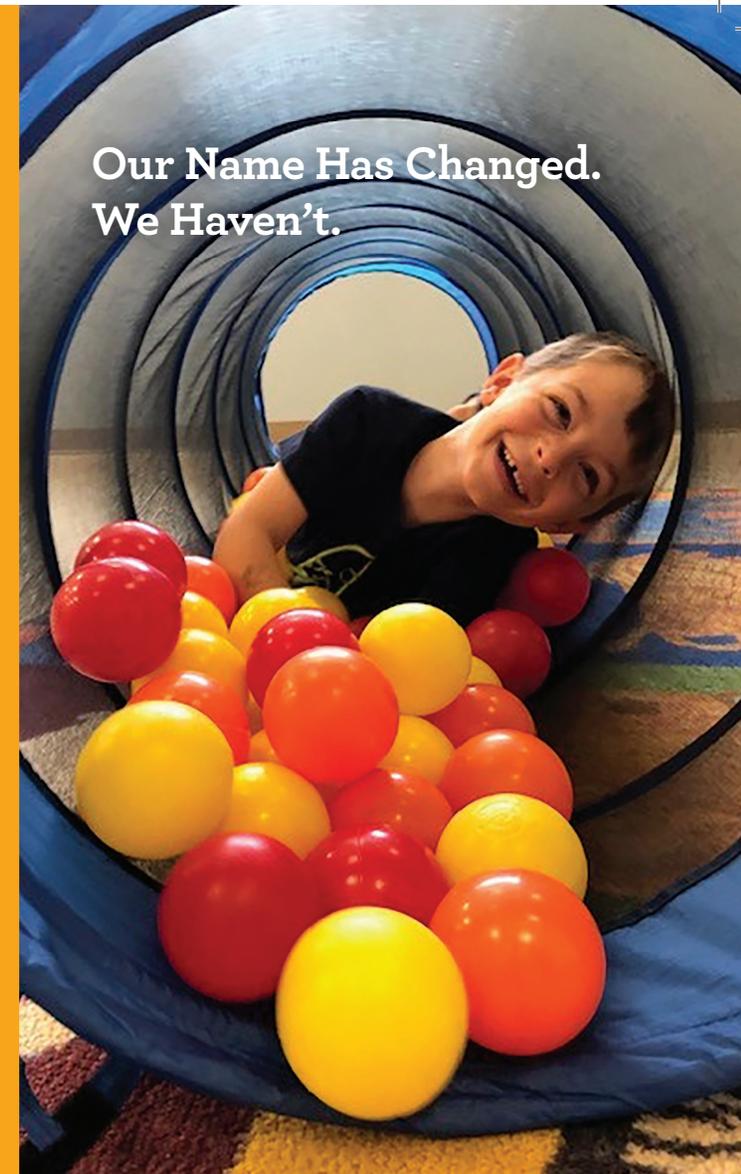
**Our clinic does not charge for services,** easing the burden on families and caregivers so that their focus can be on helping us unlock the world of communication for their children.

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We Haven't.



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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND LANGUAGE

The ability to communicate and process language is critical for the healthy development of children. Ages birth to nine years is a particularly important time for a child to acquire language so that they may then learn to process information, problem solve and express themselves. During this time, the brain is developing rapidly to make the necessary connections needed to absorb language.

Children may experience a delay in language acquisition due to problems with hearing, emotional issues, medically-based disease, or other disorders such as autism or apraxia. They may not be able to find the words to express themselves, or discover it is difficult to link sounds together in the correct sequence to be understood. Children with language disorders may demonstrate symptoms such as frustration, lack of social interaction and an inability to follow directions.

At the Masonic Children's Clinic, we work with children and their caregivers to assess, diagnose and remediate language disorders in a personalized approach that considers and embraces what makes each child unique. In addition, we provide parent education and resources so that parents may reinforce the skills their children learn while at our clinic.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

Our staff of experienced speech/language pathologists and a certified audiologist utilize creative play and state-of-the-art technology to chart each child's course to language acquisition. Services include:

- Hearing & Communication Assessments**
- Direct Language Disorders Therapy & Management**
- Consultations with Allied Professionals**
- Intensive Parent Education**
- Referrals**
- Outreach Visits**

We offer programs to support the families we serve. Our Parents and Children Communicating (PACC) program educates parents and caregivers on the techniques they need to know to support their child's language acquisition outside of the Clinic. We also provide public workshops and classes aimed at helping parents and educators of children with autism learn to help kids succeed.

Our building has been specifically designed to support our work. We provide a calming environment that nurtures learning readiness and creativity. With 10 therapy rooms, special child alcoves and play areas, the clinic sets the stage for optimum communication development and growth.



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