



SHOUT SPEECH & LANGUAGE

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JULY: SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES

Special Education Update: What Parents Need to Know

You may have heard that the federal government is moving oversight of special education from the U.S. Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). While this is a significant administrative change, your child's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) have not changed.

Schools are still required to provide appropriate evaluations, IEPs, related services, and a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). However, families may notice changes in how federal guidance and oversight are provided as agencies transition responsibilities.

The best way to protect your child is to stay informed, attend IEP meetings, keep copies of important documents, and continue advocating for services based on your child's individual needs.

Reliable Resources

- U.S. Department of Education – IDEA:
<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>
- Parent Center Hub: <https://www.parentcenterhub.org/>
- Georgia Department of Education – Special Education:
<https://gadoe.org/academics/special-education-services-and-supports/>

Knowledge is one of the strongest tools parents have. Staying informed helps ensure your child continues to receive the support they deserve.

Read more on our Shout SLT **BLOG**



What is Shout SLT? Shout SLT is a pediatric private practice located in the South Metro Atlanta area that specializes in early language development, severe articulation delays and parent coaching

Want to learn how to facilitate language at home through everyday learning or need to walk into an IEP meeting with confidence? Join our community on instagram [@shout.sltherapy](#) or FB @shout speech and language therapy

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 What is an SLP



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SHOUT SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

SPEECH & LANGUAGE: SCREENS



Screens are a part of everyday life, but young children learn language best through face-to-face interactions with caring adults. Research shows that excessive screen time, especially when it replaces conversations and play, may be associated with delays in language development and social communication. The best language builder is still responsive interaction—reading, singing, playing, and talking together throughout the day.

Read More: [American Academy Pediatrics](#)

AROUND THE IEP TABLE: NOTES



Don't forget to take notes! When attend your IEP meeting bring your personal notes and plan on taking notes. Doing this help you remember items you need to address, allows you to compare what you have written to the teams notes read at the end of the meeting.

SCHEDULE AN IEP COACHING SESSION:



PLAY



Just 15–20 minutes of intentional, interactive play each day can strengthen vocabulary, conversation skills, and social communication while creating lasting family memories. playing at the park, cooking together, blowing bubbles, or taking a nature walk, talk about what you see, hear, and do. Follow your child's interests, model new vocabulary, ask open-ended questions, and encourage turn-taking during play.

DON'T FORGET TO S.H.O.U.T:

S: Stimulate Language
 H: Harness Opportunities
 O: Optimize Interactions
 U: Use what you have
 T: Talk, Talk, Talk



IN THE NEWS:

Special education changes are creating new questions for school districts across the country as the federal government restructures oversight responsibilities for students with disabilities.

READ MORE



[How Fed Ed Changes Affect Schools](#)



JULY: COOKING & LANGUAGE

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Everyday Learning :

Home Routines:

- Morning wake up call
- Brushing teeth
- Getting Dressed
- Eating meals
- Bath time
- Activity time
- Reading time
- Cleaning up
- Greetings

Repeat:

- The way you say things in routines
- The order you do things.
- Actions you pair with word.
- Songs
- Gestures

COOK, COOK, COOK!

Language Builder: Cooking Up Communication

The kitchen is one of the best places to build speech and language skills! Cooking naturally encourages children to listen, follow directions, learn new vocabulary, and practice conversations—all while having fun together.

Try these simple language-building ideas:

- Name and describe ingredients (sticky, crunchy, smooth, sweet).
- Count cups, spoons, and pieces as you measure.
- Practice sequencing by talking about what comes first, next, and last.
- Ask open-ended questions: "What do you think will happen if we stir faster?" or "Which ingredient smells the best?"
- Expand your child's language. If your child says, "Egg," you can model, "Let's crack the brown egg into the bowl."

Cooking together also builds important executive functioning skills such as planning, problem-solving, and following multi-step directions.

COOK, COOK, COOK!



Facilitate LANGUAGE

Model:

your child will speak the way you speak.

Repeat:

repetition helps your child learn new skills

Describe:

explain what you are doing.

Read

make reading a daily routine

Play:

with your little one

Cook:

invite your little one to join you in the kitchen.



Books of the month

Book Links and Youtube Read aloud

Summer Adapted Books



Malia and Myles are twins exploring their world through the 4 seasons. Printed, laminated, with velcro matching. Every child deserves a fun book.

Reminder, books can be checked out at the library or listened to on Youtube for FREE.
Amazon Affiliate Links where I earn a percentage are included.



Inside Activities

Kid Friendly Cooking



Make 1 bowl Pancakes



1 bowl sugar cookies



1 bowl sugar cookies



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Outside Activities

Scavenger Hunt Find the items below



1. fire crackers
2. pool/beach
3. Popsicle
4. soccer ball
5. grill

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