



ADMISSION GUIDELINES

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The purpose of the RiteCare Center is to serve as many children, ages 2–12, in the San Diego area whose primary presenting problem is a speech and language disorder. *In keeping with statewide California Scottish Rite Foundation guidelines, we are unable to accept children who have a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability, Deafness, Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Neurological Disorders.*

The following guidelines assist us in effectively serving as many children as possible.

1. The entry criteria for enrollment are significant speech and/or language disorders. Children who meet these criteria will be admitted for a maximum of an 18-month period as long as they are not receiving adequate speech therapy elsewhere. Therapy may be extended for an additional 6-month period (to a 2-year maximum) at the discretion of the Center Director.
2. Children will not be enrolled at this Center if, at the time that their name comes to the top of the Wait List, they are receiving therapy individually and/or in a small group for at least 60 minutes per week. When the conditions above no longer apply, the child may be placed back on the wait list. If a child qualifies for outside services while already enrolled in this Center, they will be discharged from therapy. It is the parent's responsibility to contact us when they believe their child is again eligible for enrollment here.
3. All children with questionable cognitive skills and/or diagnosis of Developmental Delay will be required to present evidence of at least low-average non-verbal intelligence. This may be in the form of a developmental evaluation from the San Diego Regional Center, Children's Hospital, a private psychologist, or the public schools. The evaluation must include at least one quantitative measure of non-verbal intelligence.
4. If a child receives a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability or Autism after they have already been enrolled in therapy at the RiteCare Center, therapy must be discontinued.
5. School aged children may not be pulled out of school for participation in services at this Center.
6. 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 treating therapist and the Center Director.
7. All children must be up to date with all required immunizations. Documentation in the form of immunization records must be provided to the Center prior to enrollment.
8. The needs of the child are appropriately served by the expertise of the Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP) at the Center. If the child's needs are best served elsewhere or the SLPs have concerns beyond speech and language, appropriate referrals will be made. For children currently enrolled in services, once a referral is made, a family will be given 30 days to follow up on the referral. Services may be discontinued after 30 days.

Whenever there is a question about the appropriateness of therapy here, the child's readiness for therapy, or the prognosis for success, children will be enrolled for a three-month trial period. If significant progress is made during this period, therapy will be continued as deemed appropriate by the treating therapist.

Please mail completed forms to:

RiteCare Childhood Language Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108-3601