

# Become a Volunteer!

*Click on pic to see what it's like to volunteer at the Columbus Speech & Hearing Center!*



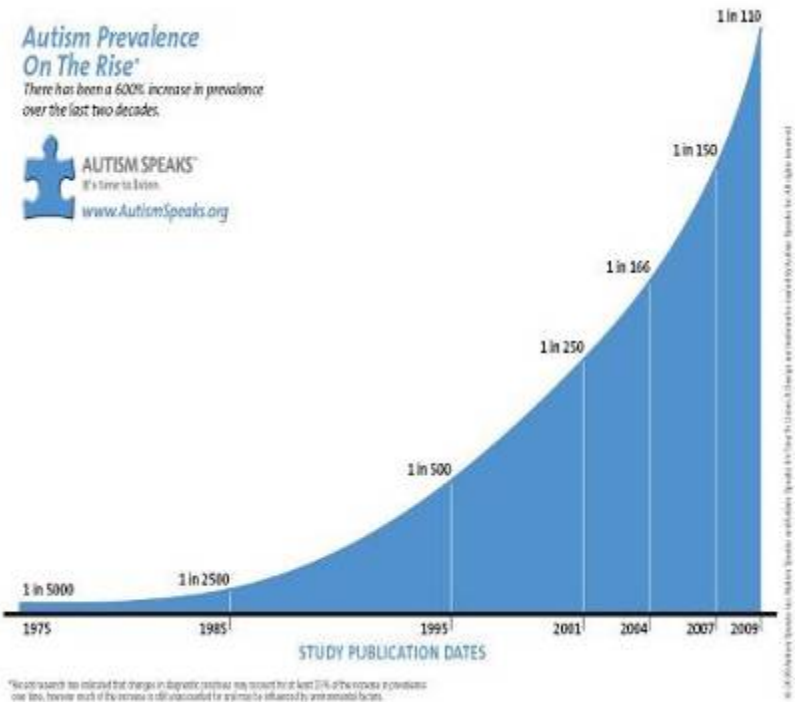
# Our History

- Established in 1923 as the Columbus League for the Hard of Hearing.
  - Assisted the hard-of-hearing in the city of Columbus.
- Over time, name and location changed but is now Columbus Speech & Hearing Center.
  - Offers diverse programs for communication disorders & vocational rehabilitation.
  - Serves Columbus and surrounding communities.



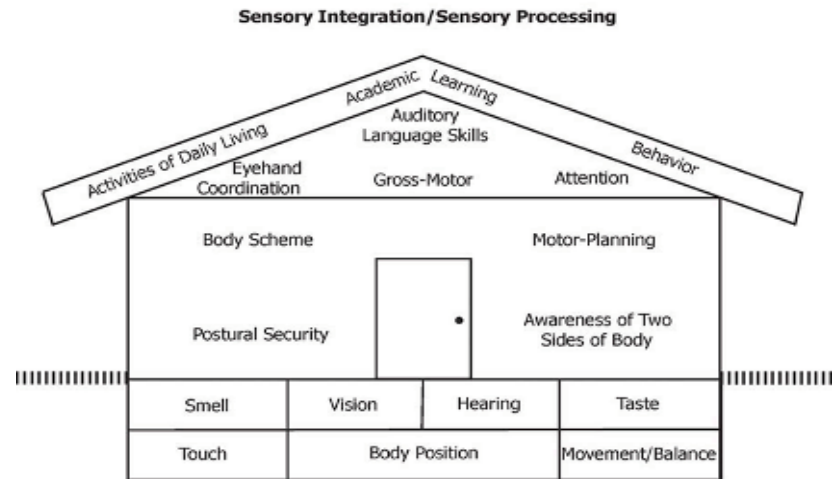
# Quick Facts

- **6-8 million** people in the U.S. have some form of language impairment, making it one of the most common disabilities in the U.S.
- Children with phonological disorders often require other types of services, with **50-70%** exhibiting general academic difficulty through grade 12.
- Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder defined by impairments in social and communication development, accompanied by patterns of behavior and interest.
  - **1 in 110** individuals is diagnosed with Autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, Diabetes, and AIDS combined.



# Key Definitions

- **Language Disorder\***- Problem understanding others or sharing thoughts.
- **Speech Disorder\***- Can't produce sounds correctly or problem with voice.
- **Sensory Processing-** How a person's brain interprets and responds to sensory input from their own body and the world around them; the foundation for other areas of functioning.
- **Receptive Language-** Understanding the message coming from others.
- **Expressive Language-** Communicating a message to others.



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# What we do

- **Small Group Therapy Programs**
  - Children of various ages with a receptive or expressive language delay.
  - Activities encourage speech-language skills and socialization.
- **Preschool-based Programs**
  - Fully licensed; facilitated by a Speech-Language Pathologist, Child Development Specialist, and assistant teacher.
- **Individual Therapy Programs**
  - Speech
  - Occupational Therapy
- **Parent Education Programs**
  - Teach parents how to facilitate speech-language growth at home.



# What you'll Do

- **Group Sessions**

- Play and interact with children.
- Set up room (swings, mats, table/chairs, etc.)
- Help with clean-up.
- Help keep children safe.

\*Minimum of 2 hours a week for duration of program (approx. school semester/quarter.)

- **Administrative/Project Support**

- Copying
- Filing
- Administrative tasks



# It's Rewarding!

- Learn about career path
- Build Resume
- Help your community
- Meet new people
- Self-Growth
- Help children learn





# Hear from our Volunteers

"Thanks for all the kindness coming from Columbus Speech & Hearing Center!"

"The Center is a great resource for the community."

"I felt like I learned a lot from the speech pathologists which is really beneficial to me because I am studying speech pathology."

"Everyone is very friendly."

*"CSHC staff does outstanding job with clients - bravo."*

# Interested?

To volunteer, please complete an application and email it to **Susan Slater** at [sslater@columbusspeech.org](mailto:sslater@columbusspeech.org)

If you have specific questions about the Speech or OT volunteer programs, contact **Heather Pliskin** via email at [hpliskin@columbusspeech.org](mailto:hpliskin@columbusspeech.org) or by phone, (614) 261-5490.

