Team Approach
Caring and experienced professionals will provide your family with a comprehensive assessment of your child’s development (ages 1–5) through the expertise of a:

- Psychologist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Family Advocate

Tailored Solutions
Our team approach allows your family to receive an evaluation, individualized treatment plan, and immediate suggestions of ways to work with your child at home.

Ongoing Support
Recommendations, educational resources, and ongoing support from a family advocate are offered to help your family understand and navigate the next steps in your child’s development.

Since 1923, Columbus Speech & Hearing Center has provided exceptional service to clients across Ohio.

Mission
To unlock potential for individuals with communication and vocational challenges through all stages of life.

Vision
To be the recognized leader providing personalized service and caring attention to help the people we serve achieve their full potential.

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Please consider referring any children ages 1–5 who you suspect could be on the Autism Spectrum. An earlier diagnosis can result in better outcomes.
**What's the benefit of receiving an evaluation?**

The benefit of having an evaluation is to provide your family with information about your child’s current development and learning style. If your child receives a diagnosis of autism this may allow for your family to access additional funding and therapy services. There are also evidence-based therapy strategies (social narratives, structured play group, picture exchange communication system, video modeling, visual supports) which can be used to support a child with autism.

**Who will be evaluating my child?**

A speech pathologist, occupational therapist and psychologist will be evaluating your child in the following areas: overall development, speech, language, fine motor and sensory. A family advocate will be completing a review of your child’s case history as well as providing resources and support to the family.

**Where will the evaluation take place?**

The evaluation will be completed at Columbus Speech & Hearing Center in a child-friendly therapy room.

**How long will the evaluation process take?**

The formal evaluation will be completed over two visits.

**Visit #1:** Two caregivers must be present. One caregiver will complete an intake with the family advocate. The other caregiver will remain with the child during the speech and occupational therapy evaluations. This visit may last up to 2 hours.

**Visit #2:** Caregiver(s) will be present during the psychologist’s cognitive/developmental evaluation. The psychologist will provide a diagnostic summary and recommendations at the completion of this appointment. This visit may last up to 2 1/2 hours.

**Visit #3:** Home visit with the family advocate: The family advocate will go over the diagnosis, recommendations, and answer any questions about the process and next steps. Expect this visit to last up to 1 hour.

A formal evaluation report will be provided to the family with results of the assessments within two weeks from visit #2.

The family advocate will offer several follow-up phone calls to provide support, resources, and address any additional questions or concerns regarding the evaluation, report, or recommendations.

**Contact us today for a comprehensive, transdisciplinary assessment.**

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