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# SpineJack:

## Silver Cross Now Offers Revolutionary Treatment for Osteoporosis Fractures



Nearly one million Americans suffer from extreme back pain caused by compression fractures of the vertebrae. And while the condition itself can be treated, recovery can be slow and painful.

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"Over 750,000 osteoporosis patients a year experience a vertebral compression fracture. The elderly suffer the most from this type of fracture," said Feraz Rahman, M.D., interventional radiologist on staff at Silver Cross. "It's a painful condition that limits mobility and can decrease a patient's lifespan. Fortunately, advancements in medical technology and imaging have produced new minimally invasive treatment options."

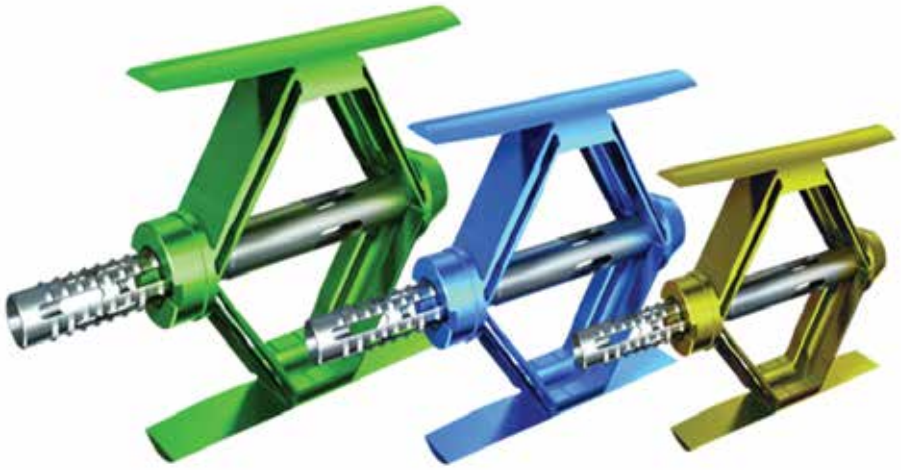
Interventional radiologists like Dr. Rahman use medical imaging to guide minimally invasive procedures that diagnose, treat and cure many kinds of conditions, including vertebroplasty, which was introduced in the United States in the 1990s. In this procedure, cement is

injected into the affected vertebra to stabilize the fractured fragments and reduce pain. In the balloon kyphoplasty procedure, a balloon is first inflated to create a cavity for the cement and attempt to restore some of the height lost in the fracture.

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But when they're injured or affected by disease, the damaged vertebrae can cause pain and debilitation.

One type of spinal trauma is a vertebral compression fracture. This kind of fracture is a painful condition where the block-like portion of the vertebra collapses. This can happen in normal bone through severe trauma such as a car accident, but is much more common when the bone is previously weakened. Bone can be weakened by tumors or cancer, but in most cases the culprit is osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis occurs in over 10 million Americans, 80 percent of whom are women. As the disease progresses, bones decrease in density and become fragile and brittle. This degenerative process increases the risk of bone fractures with falls and minor trauma. In severe cases the bones can become so fragile that mild stresses such as bending over to pick up an object; or sneezing or coughing could cause a fracture.

For more information about SpineJack®, call the Interventional Radiology office at Silver Cross Hospital at 815-900-9060.

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# Communication and Your Child

by Denise Prohaska, MS, CCC-SLP

Communication can be verbal (spoken language) or visual (gestures, signs such as the use of American Sign Language or the printed word). Communication begins when a mother-to-be first begins to sing and talk to her unborn baby and lasts throughout a life time.

It would be nice if babies came with a tutorial for parents but unfortunately they don't! This article is being written to aid parents in learning more about communication skills, what is normal development and resources if there are concerns. Speech-Language Pathologists are those professionals who aid parents in the prevention and remediation of speech-language delays/disorders. Audiologists are those professionals who prevent, identify, assess and treat disorders of hearing.

Communication can be separated into two main areas: receptive language and expressive language. Receptive language refers to comprehension; the ability to understand what is heard and seen. Expressive language refers to the ability to speak, use signs or other visual systems to communicate information. Speech refers to the sounds that are made to communicate that information. A baby learns to understand and speak by listening to its parents, caregivers and the people around him. As with all areas of development, there are guidelines for what is normal in the

area of speech-language development. The first five years are a time of rapid growth. In the area of speech-language this means going from making cooing sounds to speaking in complete sentences and being able to maintain a short conversation! So let's start at the beginning.

## Year One:

A baby begins by reacting to the sounds and noises around them. They will startle if they hear a loud noise. They will look at you when you talk to them. They will turn their head in the direction of a sound they hear. They enjoy music and songs. Peekaboo and pat-a-cake are favorites. They begin to respond to simple words and phrases. During this time at the infancy stage, they are cooing and have different cries for different needs. They begin to giggle and laugh. Babbling is a crucial part of speech development. It is the baby's ability to play with sounds and attempt a variety of speech sounds. So you hear sounds such as, "mama, dada." Babbling increases during this time and is the beginning of meaningful speech. During this first year, the baby is starting to point to objects and learn their names. By his first birthday, he is saying simple words with meaning such as hi, bye, ball etc.

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The baby/toddler is now able to point to body parts, listen to short stories/songs, points to pictures in a book, follows simple directions such as "Roll the ball." He is able to understand simple questions such as, "Where is your shoe?" He is increasing his use of vocabulary words and beginning to string two words together. He is naming pictures and developing the ability to accurately say many speech sounds. Mom and dad should hear more words with p, b, m, h and w as these are easier sounds to make and therefore come in early.

## Year 3:

The child's understanding of language is increasing. He is now able to understand some opposites such as go-stop and big-little. He is following two-step directions such as "Get the spoon and put it on the table." He is also increasing his understanding of new words quickly. New speech sounds are emerging such as k, g, f, t, d and n. He is using words for spatial concepts such as in, on and under. He is now doing pretend play and talking while he is playing. Making animal and vehicle sounds is a favorite. He is now using words for familiar people, places and things in his environment. Your child may now frequently ask "why?" He is now combining three words such as, "Mommy, come here." At this time, people who are familiar with your child will be able to understand what they are saying.

## Year 4:

The understanding of concepts such as colors, shapes and numbers is developing. He will respond when you call from another room. He is also beginning to understand family words such as brother, grandma etc. Verbally, your child is responding to simple questions, putting four words together, using pronouns such as I, my, you, we and they. He is

also using simple plural words such as toys, balls etc. Your child will be able to talk a little about what happened during his day and will use about 4 sentences at a time.

## Year 5:

Your child now understands most of what he hears at home and in school. He is following more complex directions. He is now beginning to understand words related to time and order such as yesterday and first and last. At this time, your child can be a little conversationalist! He will be excited to tell you about his day and ask questions. He is working on naming letters and numbers. He is talking with friends during play. He can tell a short story and use more complex sentences. He can keep a conversation going. He will say all speech sounds in words although might not be able to make them all correctly yet. Later developing sounds include l, s, r, ch, sh, j and th.

If you as a parent have any concerns regarding your child's speech and language development you have several options:

Early Intervention ages birth to 3: Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Early Intervention. To locate an office near you call: 217-782-1981 or the Illinois Automated Hotline: 1-800-323-4769

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# How to Throw a Birthday Party for Your **SENSORY SENSITIVE CHILD**

By Meagan Ruffing

Birthdays. They come once a year and are usually met with much anticipation and excitement by the celebrated boy or girl. When you think birthdays, you think balloons, cake, ice cream, friends and presents, right? Those are all wonderful traditions but what happens when you have a child who actually acts out (in a defiant way, when all of these good things are going on around them? Children with Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) want to be celebrated like any other child but for the parents who have to watch the tailspin of emotions that come from what was supposed to be a great day to what has now become a dreaded occasion – can be very tough. Let these 6 tips help you celebrate and enjoy your child on their birthday because when it really comes down to it, they want to be loved on just like everyone else.

## 1. BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER

I used to tell myself that I had to invite every single one of my son's friends to his birthday party in order for it to be a success. Wrong. The more kids I invited, the more hyper he got because there was just too much going on for him to focus on what the occasion was really about; him. Now we let him invite one

friend to do one special thing and the focus becomes about the experience and not the behavior.

## 2. NO HYPE

Remind your child that her birthday is coming up and that you are so excited to be celebrating her special day. Talk to her about her very first birthday and share photos with her from years past. Instill the idea that the day she was born was one of the best days of your life and that you are so thankful to have her as your daughter. This special moment will prioritize what is really important about her upcoming day; that she is happy, healthy and loved. Sometimes when parents build up the big day, it can become too overwhelming for their child to understand. No need to downplay the big day but do not build so much anticipation that your child is unrealistic about what to expect.

## 3. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Kids who are sensory seeking (like loud noises, have a hard time understanding personal space, are loud, and in general, pretty hyper) are easily swept up in the chaos that can come with a birthday

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party. Think outside the box and invite one or two friends to keep the noise level to a minimum to help your child function on his special day.

#### 4. REMOVE OBSTACLES

Kids who are sensory avoiding (get stressed out by loud noises, do not like to be touched, get overwhelmed when there are multiple things going on) will most likely act out if they cannot process what is going on around them. Remove the obstacles before the party even begins and set your child up for success. Instead of latex balloons that pop easily and make loud noises that can scare children, opt for Mylar balloons. They last longer and are less likely to pop. Instead of buying your child 10 gifts that she will likely forget about once she has opened them, buy her two or three gifts that you know she will get lots of play out of and that are equally beneficial to her (necklace making kit, dinosaur excavation kit or water beads). It is simply too much for a child with sensory issues to be expected to sit still in front of 20 people, opening gifts, saying thank you and remaining calm. Know your child's limits and work around them.

#### 5. PICK THE RIGHT TIME OF DAY

If you know your son is usually grumpy in the morning but acts pretty happy in the afternoon, then plan a get together in the afternoon. If you have a big family and you know your child does not do well with lots of people around, turn his birth day into a birth week and space out when he sees people. This will be more fun for everyone involved. Family gets a chance to celebrate and notice the birthday boy and you get to be around an equally happy child who is more likely to act appropriately when the attention is directed at him.

#### 6. DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH

If you notice that your child is getting overwhelmed by everything going on around her, then take a time out. Let your child have a few minutes to herself to collect her thoughts and take things down a notch. Maybe instead of playing Pin the Tail on the Donkey, you opt for a coloring contest where each person gets a prize for participating. Children with SPD have a hard time understanding social situations that other people just simply know how to handle. Take the drama out of a birthday meltdown and create an environment where everyone wins.



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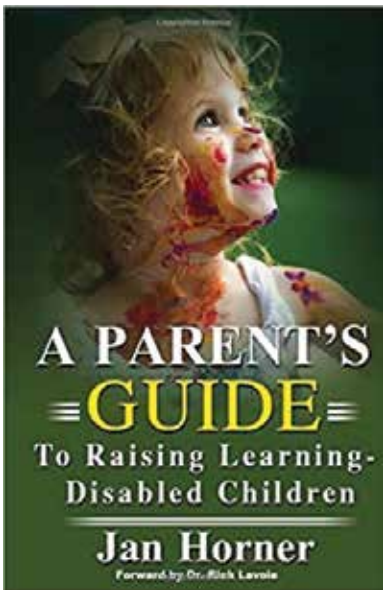
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# Therapeutic Riding Benefits Beyond The Arena



By Ashley Wurth, PhD, PATH Intl.  
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Imagine being in the presence of a 1,000 lb animal and knowing that you are in charge of taking care of that animal and directing it on what to do and where to go! Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) have been proven to be beneficial for individuals with varied abilities and needs. Equine therapies provide a sense of confidence, control, team work, and wonder. Being around horses, whether on the ground or riding, can be a freeing experience for individuals that otherwise may not be able to participate in other activities or sports. One parent of a participant stated, "It gives her [Isabel] a sense of freedom and responsibility that she has not been able to experience until now".

Therapeutic Riding (TR) provides physical, emotional, cognitive, and social benefits that transcend from the barn into life and job training through utilizing a horse to make practicing skills fun. The movement of a horse helps to increase

core stability, balance, and muscle strength. The horse's movement provides a rhythmic motion that mimics walking freely, while turning the horse utilizes coordination and motor skills. Many therapeutic riding barns utilize games in their lessons, such as playing tick-tac-toe while on horseback. This is a fun, competitive or team working game that can help to build social and cognitive skills, while working on coordination by having riders lean down from the top of a horse to pick up an "x" or an "o".

In addition, programs that offer grooming, bonding time, and/or caring for horses creates an atmosphere where participants feel empowered and responsible. A horse listens, feels, and needs people but does not care about any limitation, diagnosis, or disability. A horse is a nonjudgmental creature that is intuitive when it comes to people's emotions. If a person is excited, anxious, or scared, the horse picks up and will mirror



this emotion. In return, horses help riders recognize their emotional level and encourage them to utilize coping methods to decrease their anxiety or stress. Therefore, individuals are able to work past the worries or negative occurrences of their day and leave the arena feeling accomplished, calm, and empowered.

No matter the diagnosis or varied ability, research supports the many benefits of EAAT and TR. One EAAT study by Lemke et al 2014, found that children with muscular atrophy experienced both psychological benefits (improved mood, confidence, self-esteem, pride, independence, and sense of achievement), physical benefits (increased flexibility, muscle laxity, muscle function, core strength, balance, and a feeling that they were exercising), and the opportunity to form relationships with the horse, instructor, and other participants. For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), participation in TR had significant improvements in hyperactivity, social awareness, irritability, and social communication behaviors (Pan et al 2018). Individuals with developmental coordination disorder experienced improvements in physical gait, mood arousal, social responsiveness, emotions, and several behavior parameters (Hession et al 2019).

The participants' enjoyment is evident from their smiles and their statements. One rider stated, "I have a blast at this horse program with all the volunteers, coaches and the horses. This has been making me feel good lately and it is my favorite thing to do. It makes me happy. I am thankful to have a great team of positive people. I love the horses. I love being part of this team!" while another parent stated, "She'd ride every day if she could"! Programs are always seeking volunteers to help with their classes. This provides an excellent opportunity for parents and siblings to also experience the benefits of EAAT. While volunteers may come to help others, many stay because they too, feel they are benefiting from the interaction between riders, horses, and team members.

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is a leading organization and resource for EAAT. Their mission is to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. You can find a list of centers near your area by visiting <https://www.pathintl.org/pathintl-centers/path-intl-centers>.



# 10 Tips for Playdates with Autistic and Non-Autistic Kids TOGETHER!

By Cara N. Koscinski

Playdates are beneficial for ALL children to practice critical social skills on which future relationships will be built. The benefits of playdates include: increasing confidence; improving social decision making; and practicing skills in an adult supervised yet natural setting. Playing together allows kids to be a part of the action vs. being quiet observers. Play typically develops in a natural progression from individual play to parallel play (when children play next to each other), and finally to interactive/social reciprocal play. Many parents of children who are typically developing and those with special needs set up playdates to encourage the building of critical skills and friendships. The most important lesson learned

from playing with a variety of children is that EVERY child is different and special! Throughout life, we meet and interact with people of all shapes, sizes, and abilities and learning from each other can truly enhance our life.

Here are some tried and true tips I recommend for setting up playdates with children who are on the autism spectrum.

- 1** Practice playing. It may be hard to believe, but the act of playing doesn't come naturally to some kids. For example, children with autism often have difficulty with taking turns, having

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conversation, and interpreting nonverbal gestures. Practicing and explaining this to your child may help him to feel more comfortable. Together, discuss strategies that can be used to help facilitate play. What is a facial expression? Make different faces and ask your child to guess your emotion.

**2** How do I find children with common interests? Teachers are amazingly insightful and may provide wonderful help to identify the children who tend to play together and enjoy similar interests. Volunteer in your child's classroom to see who your child is interested in playing with. Additionally, birthday parties are great opportunities to observe those children who may be a good match for a playdate. Clubs and activities allow children with similar interests to enjoy each other's company. My son showed an early interest in chess. I often arrived early to pick him up from chess club and to determine who showed interest in my son. The same is true for Lego club, music classes, art, or sports.

**3** Remember that parents of children with special needs are used to answer-

ing questions about their children and are often quite comfortable discussing ways to help create successful social interactions. Also, be mindful that many families' schedules are busy but a child with special needs may have additional appointments for therapy, medical, and developmental concerns. Be flexible in scheduling and do not be offended if the playdate needs to be re-scheduled.

**4** Shared interests can make a playdate successful. Identify what the children have in common. Build activities upon mutual interests. So, set up Legos and build Angry Birds or Minecraft structures. If the children like the same movie, set up puzzles, art, baking, or sensory play based on the movie. Consider meeting at a location such as a park or museum. Siblings should not be a part of the playdate to allow for targeted friendship building between the two participants.

**5** Make a plan and then review it with both children who are participating. At the beginning explain what the playdate will look like: First, we will work on a

puzzle, and then a snack, etc.... Many children who have special needs benefit from a visual schedule and knowing exactly what is coming up next. ALL of us enjoy predictability and feel more confident with a specific plan in place. However, be flexible if any difficulties or disagreements arise.

**6** Consider food allergies and sensitivities. When planning a snack contact the other child's parent to determine which foods are safe for both children. It can be very meaningful for the other parent and is a critical step to avoiding potential life-threatening reactions to foods. Do not be offended if the children do not eat what is set out for snack. The kids may just be too excited to eat!

**7** Be mindful of any physical limitations. For example, many children with sensory issues do not prefer to get messy, dirty or wet but they can be super at doing other things such as building or creating. It's always a sensitive topic to talk about someone's weaknesses, instead ask, "What is Billy great at doing?"

**8** Provide adult supervision and support throughout the playdate. Since children of all abilities have different personalities,

disagreements may arise. Consider ways to resolve conflicts such as asking both kids to take five deep breaths or closing their eyes and counting to ten. Make sure to ask the other parent which strategies are used when their child becomes stressed or upset. Preparation is a key ingredient in successful interaction when facilitating a playdate.

**9** Begin with short playdates of an hour. Keep the first playtimes shorter until the children become more comfortable with each other. Consider having more short yet frequent play times with the same friend since relationships can take time to build. It's important to end on a good note. So, if the children are in any type of conflict, help to facilitate a peaceful ending.

**10** There is NO such thing as a perfect playdate! Do not put unnecessary pressure on yourself. Both typically developing kids and children with special needs are learning while practicing play and social skills. When learning a skill we all make mistakes. Our children benefit from every social interaction opportunity. Give yourself a pat on the back and enjoy watching new friendships bloom and develop.





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www.ilspectrumconnection.com

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www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org/  
camp-red-kite1.html

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www.shadyoakscamp.org  
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**Neumann Family Services**

5547 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL  
(773) 769-4313  
www.neumanfamilyservices.org

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7101 N. Greenview Ave., Chicago, IL  
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www.pactt.org

**Ray Graham Association**

(SEE GENERAL)

**Sertoma Centre, Inc.**

Autism Services Program  
4343 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL  
(708) 371-9700, ext. 266  
sertomacentre.org

**SouthStar Services**

1005 W. End Ave., Chicago Heights, IL  
(708) 755-8030  
www.southstarservices.org

**Ticket to Work Program**

(866) 968-7842  
yourtickettowork.com/program\_info

**Trinity Christian College**

6601 W College Dr., Palos Heights, IL  
(708) 239-4768  
www.trnity.edu/adultstudies

**Turning Pointe Autism Foundation**

Life Skills & Career Development Program  
1500 W. Ogden Ave., Naperville, IL  
(630) 212-224  
turningpointeautismfoundation.org

**LEGAL****Autism Society of Illinois**

(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER)

**Center for Law and Social Work**

4753 N. Broadway, Suite 632  
Chicago, IL 60640  
(773) 728-7800  
www.cls.w.org  
Does my child need an Adult Guardian when he/she turns 18? All qualifying special needs children turning 18 years old LEGALLY must have a court approved adult guardian. Contact the Center for Law and Social Work for a FREE consultation to discuss YOUR family's needs.

**DePaul University Special**

Education Advocacy Clinic  
14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 100  
Chicago, IL  
(312) 362-8294  
www.law.depaul.edu/clinical\_programs/clinical\_special\_ed.asp

**Great Lakes ADA & Accessible I.T.Center**

UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development

1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL  
(312) 413-1407  
www.adagreatlakes.org

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(312) 375-1000  
www.abamidwestltd.com

**Alexian Brothers**

Behavioral Health Hospital  
1650 Moon Lake Blvd.  
Hoffman Estates, IL  
(800) 432-5005  
www.abbbh.org

**Association House of Chicago**

1116 North Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL  
(773) 772-7170  
www.associationhouse.org/services/behavioralhealth

**Canopy**

2500 Cabot Dr., Lisle, IL  
(630) 864-3800  
www.mygiantsteps.org/canopy

**Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation**

820 Davis St., Suite 520, Evanston, IL  
(847) 492-8519  
www.bpkids.org

**Community Counseling Centers of Chicago**

4740 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL  
(773) 769-0205  
www.c4chicago.org

**DuPage County Health Department**

440 S. Finley Rd., Lombard, IL  
(630) 627-1700  
www.dupagehealth.org

**Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy**  
(SEE EQUINE THERAPY)**Illinois Children Mental Health Partnership**

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Chicago, IL  
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www.icmhp.org  
Illinois Federation of Families  
P.O. Box 413, McHenry, IL  
(815) 344-3200  
www.iffcmh.net

**Instructional ABA Consultants**

1754 N Washington Suite 128  
Naperville, IL 60563  
www.instructional-aba.com

**Mental Health America of Illinois**

70 E. Lake St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL  
(312) 368-9070  
www.mhai.org

**Metropolitan Family Services of DuPage**

1 N. Dearborn, 10th Floor, Chicago, IL  
(312) 986-4000  
www.metrofamily.org

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**

1536 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL  
(312) 563-0445  
www.namigc.org

**Neurofeedback, Counseling, & FASD Institute of Illinois**

Naperville  
(630) 548-4438  
New Lenox  
(815) 462-4ASD  
Desplaines  
(847)299-2200  
www.ncfii.org

**Tourette Syndrome**

Association of Illinois Inc.  
800 Roosevelt Road Suite A-10  
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www.tsa-illinois.org

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(773) 562-6202  
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### **Tuned In Music Therapy Services, LLC**

600 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL  
(312) 622-5696  
www.tunedinmusictherapy.com

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psych** www.aacap.org

**American Academy of Pediatrics**  
141 Northwest Point Blvd.  
Elk Grove Village, IL  
(847) 434-4000  
www.aap.org

### **Association of University Based Centers for Developmental Disabilities**

1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 920  
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(301) 588-8252  
www.avcd.org

**Autism Research Institute (ARI)**  
4182 Adams Ave.  
San Diego, CA  
www.autism.com

**Autism Society of America (ASA)**  
7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 300  
Bethesda, MD  
(800) 328-8476  
www.autism-society.org

**Autism Speaks**  
2 Park Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY  
(212) 252-8584  
www.autismspeaks.org

**Center for the Study of Autism (CSA)**  
P.O. Box 4538, Salem, OR  
www.autism.org

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**  
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism

**Cure Autism Now Foundation (CAN)**  
5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 715  
Los Angeles, CA  
(888) 828-8476  
www.cureautismlnow.org

**Easter Seals National**  
230 W. Monroe St., Suite 1800  
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(800) 221-6827  
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www.gfgrocery.com

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**Pfeiffer Treatment Center**  
4575 Weaver Pkwy., Warrenville, IL  
(630) 505-0300  
(866) 504-6076  
www.hriptc.org

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(SEE HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS)

**Speech Tree Therapeutic and Developmental Center**  
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**True Health Medical Center**  
603 E. Diehl Rd., Suite 135  
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(630) 995-4242  
www.truehealthmedical.com

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

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(708) 478-1414 ext. 200  
www.stars-therapy.org  
Southwest Therapy and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) provides pediatric and adult physical, occupational and speech language therapy services as well as massage therapy, tutoring without a service contract and educational psychological evaluations. In addition to offering traditional physical therapy service, STARS also offers the Intensive Therapy (Thera Suit) Program.

**Speech Tree Therapeutic and Developmental Center**  
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## **OUTPATIENT THERAPY**

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## **PEDIATRICIANS – DEVELOPMENTAL**

**Advocate Illinois Masonic Pediatric Development Center**  
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**Child Diagnostic Clinic**  
1701 W. Curtis Rd., Champaign, IL  
(217) 365-6200  
www.carle-clinic.com

**Highland Park Pediatric Associates**  
1160 Park Ave. West, Suite 3  
East Highland Park, IL  
(847) 432-8422  
www.highlandparkpediatrics.com

**Illinois Developmental Therapy Association**  
P.O. Box 1114, Oswego, IL  
www.illinoisda.org

**Pediatric Place**  
(SEE PEDIATRICIANS - GENERAL)

## **PEDIATRICIANS – GENERAL**

**Chicago Family Health Center**  
9119 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, IL  
(773) 768-5000  
www.chicagofamilyhealth.org

**Family Clinic at UIC, The**  
(SEE HOSPITALS/HEALTH CENTERS)

**Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics**  
1358 W. Randolph Suite 2 East,  
Chicago, IL  
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www.illinoisAAP.org

**Loyola University Health System - Medivan**  
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1804 Centre Point Dr., Naperville, IL  
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2100 Glenwood Ave., Joliet, IL  
(815) 725-2121  
www.wcmadoc.com

## **PEDIATRIC SERVICES**

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**Pediatric Neuropsychology Diagnostic and Treatment Center**  
16001 S. 108th Avenue, Suite 2B  
Orland Park, Illinois 60467  
708-403-9000  
www.ndcbrain.com  
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Unit D  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
(815) 469-1500  
750 Essington Road  
Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 729-2160  
1725 S. Naperville Road, Suite 110  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
(630) 509-4911  
westsidechildrenstherapy.com

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## PLAY GROUPS

**Achieve Beyond**  
Social Skills Play Groups  
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**Chicago P.L.A.Y. Project**  
2128 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL  
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www.chicagoplayproject.com

**Learning Through Play Center for Child Development**  
633 W. Addison, Chicago, IL  
(312) 458-9865  
(773) 615-3202  
pediatricresources.org

**LEEP Forward, Inc.**  
Toddler Purposeful Play Groups  
2320 N. Damen Ave., Suite 2F  
Chicago, IL  
www.leepforward.com

**TMS Psychological Services, P.C.**  
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(708) 383-3405, ext. 10  
tmspsychologicalservices.com

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**Black Bear Academy**  
1801 West Byron, Chicago, IL  
(773) 244-0700  
www.blackbearacademy.com

**Blue Cap Preschool**  
2155 Broadway, Blue Island, IL  
(708) 389-6578  
www.blue-cap.org

**Christopher House**  
3255 W. Altgeld St., Chicago, IL  
(773) 235-4073  
2507 N. Greenview Ave., Chicago, IL  
(773) 473-1083  
4701 N. Winthrop, Chicago, IL  
(773) 769-4540  
christopherhouse.org

**City Colleges of Chicago – Child Development Lab Schools**  
Locations:  
Daley College – 7500 S. Pulaski Rd.,  
Chicago, IL 60652 (773)838-7562  
Kennedy King College – 710 W.  
65th St. Bldg. Z. Chicago, IL 60620  
(773)602-5431  
Malcolm X College – 1900 W. Van  
Buren, Chicago, IL 60612 (312)  
850-7176  
Olve-Harvey College – 10001 S.  
Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60628  
(773) 291-6317  
Truman College – 1145 W. Wilson  
Ave., Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 907-  
4741

**Easter Seals Gilchrist Marchman Head Start**  
1001 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL  
(312) 432-1751  
chicago.easterseals.com

**Little Friends Center for Autism**  
(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER)

**Penny Lane Schools**  
10255 S. Ridgeland Ave.  
Chicago Ridge, IL  
(708) 425-4233  
Provides preschool and day care for special needs children and promotes inclusion in the classroom. Also provides center based occupational, speech, and physical therapy as well as other therapies.

**Wilma Rudolph Learning Center**  
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(773) 543-7466  
www.rudolph.cps.k12.il.us

## SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER / SENSORY INTEGRATION

**Achieve Beyond: Pediatric Therapy and Autism Services**  
1221 Farmington Lakes Dr., Oswego, IL  
(815) 730-1818  
www.achievebeyondusa.com

**Action for Kids**  
(SEE SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY)

**Bautz Developmental Intervention**  
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**Big Blast, A**  
(See EVALUATIONS AND THERAPY)

**By Your Side**  
(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER)

**Chicago Sound Therapy**  
(SEE EVALUATION & THERAPY)

**Children's Therapy Services, Inc.**  
(SEE EVALUATION & THERAPY)

**Communication Clubhouse**  
(SEE GENERAL)

**Little Friends Center for Autism**  
(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER)

**LYNX Therapeutics**  
(SEE TUTORING)

**Milestones For Kids' Success**  
(SEE TUTORING)

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**Sense Able Kids**  
171 Lagoon Dr., Northfield, IL  
(847) 446-9484  
www.sensablekids.com

**Speech Tree Therapeutic and Developmental Center**  
(SEE EVALUATION AND THERAPY)

**Westside Children's Therapy**  
Various Locations  
westsidechildrenstherapy.com

**Wheaton Park District**  
Navistar Cir  
Lisle, IL 60532  
www.playforalldupage.org  
Phase 1 of the Sensory Garden Playground, an outdoor playground designed for children with autism and other special needs, in DuPage County opens this May. Located inside Danada South Park, the playground features a toddler play area and sound and fragrance gardens. Admission is free.

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**Very Important Pooches (VIP)**  
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## SLEEP DISORDERS

**Oak Center for Sleep Disorders**  
6360 159th Street, Suite A,  
Oak Forest, IL  
(708) 535-6738  
20635 Abbey Wood Court  
Suite 101  
Frankfort, IL  
(815) 464-9779  
oaksleepcenter.net  
Dr. Kailash Sharma, founder of Oak Center for Sleep Disorders, earned board certifications from India, England, Ireland, and the United States. Besides specializing in sleep, critical care, and pulmonary medicine; Dr. Sharma has had extensive experience in managing diabetes, gastroenterology, rheumatology, and cardiology patients.

## SPECIAL RECREATION

**Lincolnway Special Recreation Association**  
1900 Heatherglen Dr, New Lenox, IL  
(815) 320-3500  
www.lwsra.org

**Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)**  
285 Memorial Dr., Crystal Lake, IL  
(815) 459-0737  
www.nisra.org  
NISRA provides year round recreation for residents with disabilities in these park districts: Barrington, Cary, Crystal Lake, Dundee Township, Hampshire Township, Huntley, Marengo, Wauconda, and these communities: Elgin, Harvard, Lake in the Hills, McHenry, and Woodstock. Participants gain skills & make friends with us! Visit us on Facebook and www.nisra.org.

**NWSRA**  
3000 W. Central Rd., Suite 205  
Rolling Meadows, IL  
(847) 392-2848  
www.nwsra.org  
NWSRA exists to provide outstanding opportunities through recreation for children and adults with disabilities, and is an extension of 17 north-west suburban park districts. Make friends, have fun, go to new places, learn new things, be included and celebrate life!

**Special Recreation Assoc. in Illinois**  
www.specialrecreation.org  
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**Western DuPage Special Recreation Association**  
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## SPEECH/ COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT

### Brady Speech Language Pathology Clinic

1424 E. 53rd Suite 307  
Chicago, IL  
(773) 493-4000  
www.BradySpeech.com

### Center for Speech & Language Disorders

(SEE SPEECH & LANGUAGE  
THERAPY)

### First Words Inc.

1500 Shermer Rd., Northbrook, IL  
(847) 361-8808  
www.first-words.net

### Judith Roman Kid's Talk

517 Warren Rd., Glenview, IL  
(847) 832-1102  
www.judithroman.com

### Lil Miracles Sign Language Academy

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NEEDS)

### Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center

Palos Hills, IL ☎ (708) 599-9500  
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### Social Butterfly, Inc.

8305 High Point Circle, Darien, IL  
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www.sbspeechtherapy.com

### Speech Plus

10071 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL  
(815) 464-6069  
www.speechplus.org  
Provides services for students with

social difficulties, as well as speech-  
language evaluations and therapy  
testing for learning, reading and  
attention difficulties.

### Speech Tree Associates

2423 Glenwood Ave., Joliet, IL  
(815) 725-9992  
www.speech-tree.org

### Step By Step Care Group Inc.

811 W Evergreen  
Suite 306  
Chicago, IL 60642  
(312) 242-1665  
(312) 254-2095  
stepbystepcaregroup.com

### Stuttering Foundation

P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tennes-  
see  
(800) 992-9392  
www.stutteringhelp.org

### Suburban Pediatric Therapies

3965 75th St., Suite 104, Aurora, IL  
(630) 236-7000  
www.sptheraies.com

### Wee Speech P.C.

8833 Gross Point Rd., Suite 307  
Skokie, IL  
(847) 329-8226  
www.weespeech.com

### Whole Brain Edutainment

wholebrainedutainment.com  
Apps focused on speech and  
language development for children  
with autism, motor planning chal-  
lenges, language delays, articulation  
delays and typically developing  
children.

## SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

### Achieve Beyond

(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISOR-  
DER)

### Action for Kids

2156 Deep Water Ln., Naperville, IL  
(630) 904-5660  
All Bright Therapies  
1957 W Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL  
(312) 848-6315  
www.allbrighttherapies.com

### Bautz Developmental Intervention

(SEE EVALUATION & THERAPY)

### Brady Speech-Language Pathology Clinic

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### By Your Side Autism Therapy Services

(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISOR-  
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### Center for Speech & Language Disorders

606 N. Michigan St., Elmhurst, IL  
(630) 530-8551  
www.csld.org

### Children's Therapy Services, Inc.

39 E. Colorado, Frankfort, IL  
(815) 469-1117  
childrenstherapyservicesinc.com

### Clinical Assist Speech Therapy

1700 W. Irving Park Rd., Suite 101  
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**Communication Therapy Services**  
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(630) 499-9619

**Giant Steps**  
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**Helping Hands Children's Therapy Services**  
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**Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association**  
230 E Ohio St., Suite 400, Chicago, IL  
(312) 644-0828, ext. 210  
www.ishail.org

**Imagine Pediatric Therapy**  
606 W. Roosevelt Rd., 2nd floor,  
Chicago, IL  
(312) 588-5050  
www.imaginepeds.com

**Kids Can Do, Inc.**  
(SEE EVALUATION & THERAPY)

**Kids First Words, LLC**  
21534 Morning Dove Ln., Frankfort, IL  
(708) 466-5472  
www.kidsfirstwords.net

**Little Friends Center for Autism, Inc.**  
(SEE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER)

**Midwestern University Speech-Language Institute**  
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**Place for Children, A**  
(SEE EVALUATION AND THERAPY)

**Rush University Medical Center**  
(SEE HOSPITAL/MEDICAL CENTERS)

**Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center**  
10409 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL  
(708) 599-9500  
www.sertomacenter.org

**Southwest Therapy and Rehabilitation Services (STARS)**  
(SEE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY)

**Speech Language Hearing Clinic**  
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(630) 369-0575

**Speech Tree Therapeutic and Developmental Center**  
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Chicago, IL 60642  
(312) 242-1665  
(312) 254-2095  
stepbystepcaregroup.com

**Westside Children's Therapy**  
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**Autism Spectrum & Developmental Disorders Resource Center**  
1786 Moon Lake Blvd., Suite 202  
Hoffman Estates, IL  
(847) 755-8536  
www.alexianbrothershealth.org/services/abbhh/ourservices/autism

**Autism Spectrum Institute at Illinois State University**  
DeGarmo Rm 517, Campus Box 5910  
Normal, IL  
(309) 438-5291  
www.autismspectrum.ilstu.edu

**Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project**  
1590 S. Fairfield Ave  
Lombard, IL  
(630) 668-7398  
www.illinoisautismproject.org

**Illinois Dept. of Human Services**  
2901 Finley Ave. Suite. 109  
Downers Grove, IL  
(630) 495-0500  
www.dhs.state.il.us

**Learning Disabilities Assoc. of Illinois**  
10101 S. Roberts Rd., Suite 205  
Palos Hills, IL  
(708) 430-7532  
www.ldail.org

**Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays**  
10 S. Kedzie, Rm. 202, Chicago, IL  
(312) 746-5447  
www.uic.edu/educ/cfl/rcadd.html

## SUIT THERAPY

**Euro-Peds National Center for Intensive Pediatric Physical Therapy**  
www.europeds.org  
info@europeds.org  
248-857-6776  
3000 Centerpoint Parkway  
Pontiac, MI 48341  
Euro-Peds specializes in intensive PT for children and young adults with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, traumatic brain injury, various syndromes & other gross motor disorders. Children are treated for 2-4 hours per day, 5 days per week for 2-4 weeks at a time. The focus is to help each child move to their next functional level. This may be working on head control, rolling over, sitting independently, crawling, walking with a device or walking independently! Everyone is different and so is their treatment plan! Insurance accepted. Discounted Hotels. The Euro-Peds Foundation offers treatment and travel grants at www.europedsfoundation.org.

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425 Prospect Avenue Suite 100  
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www.empoweringfamilies.info

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