

The consultation office for speech therapy LPB welcomes families with children aged 2 ½ years until beginning of Kindergarten, affected by relevant delays in the speech development, early disorder in speech/language acquisition and oral/speech deviations.

When is a speech therapy for a very young child indicated?

If the 2 ½ year old child does not say many words and does not combine words

If you suspect the child does not hear well

If you suspect the child does not understand well

If the child possesses only a reduced vocabulary

If the child twists the order of the words in a sentence

If the child stutters/stammers or speaks too fast/hastily

If you or other people have difficulty understanding the child

What does our offer comprise?

A first consultation/counseling

Parents may turn to us with questions regarding their child's speech/oral development. During this first consultation, it will be discussed with the parents, if a clarification is appropriate.

Therapy

Therapist and child start building up a relationship based on confidence. They do so by spontaneously playing together and communicating with each other. The therapist awakens the child's joy in playing together with others, and she inserts structured situations in the playing sessions, teaching thus useful skills. The therapist stimulates the child's speech helping it to acquire basic tools. She also picks what the child says up, tries to improve, complete or correct it, and gives it back to the child as a feedback. There are deviations which require more specific therapy methods, like stuttering, delays and deviations in converting heard sounds in spoken units, difficulty in pronouncing given sounds, hearing disorders. The intensity of the therapy with very young children varies according to the child.

Advice/consultation/counseling

Consultation/counseling aims directly the parents. Following subjects are the main topics: type and scope of the speech disorder / language acquisition disorder, priorities in the therapy, forward steps in the development, dealing with the child affected by deviated or delayed speech development, child's support in language acquisition within the daily life in its familiar surroundings, enrolling in a playing group (Spielgruppe), or Kindergarten.

According to the needs, there will be conversations between the therapist and other, in the child's daily care and development, involved persons (pediatricians, parents, other therapists, responsible person at the Spielgruppe).

Who agrees to pay / is responsible for the costs?

For the parents who officially live in the canton of Zurich, the speech therapy is free of charge.