

## **Speech and Language Therapy Providers in and around the Eau Claire Area**

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) work to uphold the highest of ethical standards. This includes the use of “every resource, including referral and/or interprofessional collaboration when appropriate, to ensure that quality service is provided” (American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) 2016). The following are options to consider when families are looking for speech and language services.

Please note these resources are optional. They are additional resources available in the community. They are not connected to the services your child receives through the public schools, and they may require an additional fee. School criteria for special education, including speech-language services, is based on educational impact and federal/state guidelines. Medical and/or private services do not follow these same guidelines.

### **School-based Speech and Language Services**

School-based special education services are available for students who meet specific criteria defined by the state and demonstrate a disability that has an educational impact. This includes speech and language services. Children may receive services for a speech and/or language impairment through their local school district.

- Services are provided in school for children who qualify and demonstrate a need ages 3-21 years old, or until graduation.
- Services are designed to mitigate the academic and social impact of speech and language needs.
- Children receive services during the school day at the school they are enrolled in (pre-school age students not yet attending school may also receive services).
- Services are provided only if a child qualifies for and demonstrates a need for school-based services (this will be determined by the child’s Individualized Education Plan team through a comprehensive assessment).

### **Birth to Three Speech and Language Services**

Eau Claire County Birth to Three	(715) 839-6216
Chippewa County Birth to Three	(715) 726-7907
Clark County Birth to Three	(715) 743-5202
Trempealeau County Birth to Three	(715) 538-2311
Dunn County Birth to Three	(715) 231-2721
Rusk County Birth to Three	(715) 532-2214
Barron County Birth to Three	(715) 537-5691

Wisconsin Birth to Three website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm>

Birth to Three services are available for children ages birth to 36 months with a significant delay in one or more areas of development including communication, learning, fine and gross motor movement, sight, hearing, social/emotional development, eating, dressing, and caring for themselves. These services are coordinated through the county you live in. Eligibility is not based on income; however, the program may require parents’ contribution to the cost of the program.

- Does not require referral from a medical provider - parents, caregivers, and medical providers may refer.
- Family-centered approach through caregiver-coaching models and focus on supporting families.
- Services are delivered in the child’s natural environment.
- Birth to Three assists in the transition phase to preschool services through the local education agency (school-based services) if children continue to require services.

### **Outpatient Speech and Language Services**

Speech language pathologists provide services in a clinical setting or medical office. Some clinical settings also employ physical and occupational therapists, allowing the SLP to collaborate with other therapy providers to co-treat and provide comprehensive services in one setting (ASHA).

- May treat disorders not addressed in school-based settings
- May require referral from a child's primary care provider
- Patients may self-refer if paying out of pocket in some circumstances
- Payments for outpatient services may be from private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, or patients may pay out-of-pocket. (ASHA)

**Prevea Health Therapy Institute** (715) 717-7455

**Mayo Clinic Health System Eau Claire** (715) 838-6190

**Marshfield Medical Center Eau Claire** (715) 858-4610

### **Private Practice Speech and Language Services**

Private practice SLPs may offer services to children who do not meet eligibility criteria in schools and may offer services for disorders that are not treated in schools (ASHA). Private practice SLPs may specialize in specific areas of speech and language disorders or offer additional services, such as reading intervention.

#### **Professional Speech Therapy**

Erin Smith, M.S., CCC-SLP

(715) 895-8000

<https://www.pstcaringforyou.org/staff>

#### **Foundations Therapy**

(715)-953-2100

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#### **Chippewa Valley Speech Therapy LLC**

**\*Speech/Language Therapy and Reading Intervention Services Available**

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Private pay, in home/daycare services in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, and surrounding areas

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#### **Nature's Edge Therapy Center**

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## University Clinic Speech and Language Services

In university clinics, speech-language pathology students provide services under the direct supervision of licensed and certified SLPs. University clinics may provide services beyond those approved by insurance or provide unique services such as social communication groups.

- Very high satisfaction for clients and parents of clients is reported at university clinics (Pershey, M. G., & Reese, S., 2003).
- Accepts clients of all ages and a wide variety of needs
- No referral needed, no strict eligibility guidelines
- Reduced or cost-free services
- Services provided depend on availability of clinicians and supervisors, demand of curriculum, and the need for particular experiences for students
- New and/or continuing services are not guaranteed

### **UWEC Center for Communication Disorders**

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