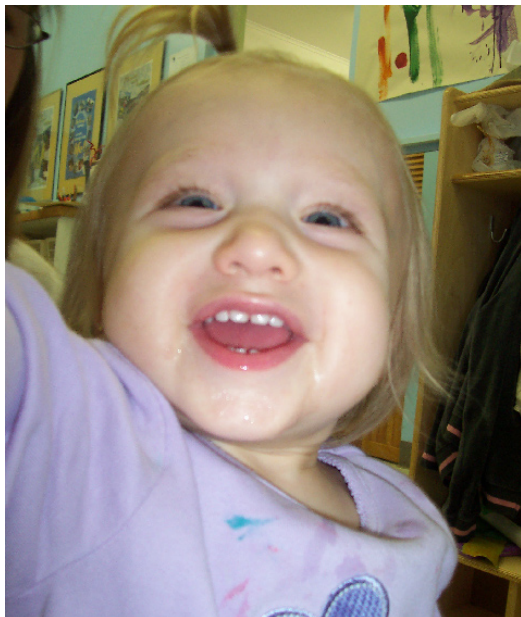


FIPP helps families help their children communicate by:

- Identifying everyday activities that happen 3-5 times a week as multiple opportunities to develop communication.
- Focusing on child and family strengths that encourage communication.
- Discovering child interests that support learning language.
- Assisting in recognizing alternative modes of communication while learning speech (i.e., sign language, pictures).



FIPP Offers:

- Early childhood and family support practices tailored to each family's life circumstances.
- Practices based on the most current research available.
- Services provided free of charge at times and locations that are convenient to families.



To find out more about childhood apraxia of speech contact The Family, Infant and Preschool Program.



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Childhood Apraxia of Speech



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Childhood Apraxia of Speech

Childhood apraxia of speech affects the ability to sequence and say sounds, syllables, and words. It is not due to muscular weakness or paralysis. The brain has difficulty planning to move the body parts needed for speech (e.g., lips, jaw, tongue). The child knows what he or she wants to say, but the brain is not sending the correct instructions to move the body parts necessary for speech in the way they need to be moved.



Our team of highly qualified professionals is available to work with you and your child.

The FIPP team includes:

- *Early childhood educators*
- *Nurses*
- *Occupational therapists*
- *Physical therapists*
- *Psychologists*
- *Special educators*
- *Speech-language pathologists*

Research has shown the value of everyday activities that occur in your home or in your community as sources for children's learning opportunities including communication. The FIPP approach supports you in finding the best opportunities for promoting your child's communication skills and abilities. These opportunities are based on your child's interest and your family's everyday activities. Because you (and other caregivers as appropriate) are important in your child's life, your visits with a FIPP staff member will be spent identifying the things you do or want to do in order to provide your child increased opportunities to use his/her communication and take part in activities that he/she finds interesting.

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