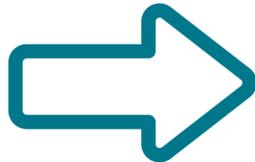


The Value of SLP Services for the Autism Community

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) services support real-world outcomes across communication, feeding, and daily life in individuals with autism.

Autistic individuals may experience communication challenges that can impact social interactions and academic and work experiences.



Strengthening Communication

68%-79%

of autistic individuals make functional gains after working with an SLP.



Areas of communication improvement include:

- ✓ Intelligibility
- ✓ Spoken Language
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ Pragmatic Language

Building Foundational Skills

Most show gains in their ability to:

solve simple problems



communicate about daily activities

speak intelligibly with familiar and unfamiliar listeners

combine words to express needs and ideas

use fluent speech in both typical and high-stress situations

engage in reciprocal communicative interactions



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Your Data at Work

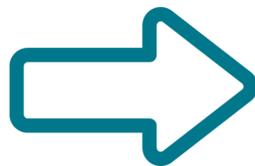
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Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) treatment interventions ensure safe and manageable mealtimes.

Autistic individuals may have sensory feeding challenges that can result in difficulties accepting different textures and consuming a variety of foods.

Reducing Risk & Enhancing Safety



67%

show less choking or gagging



57%

require less time to complete meals



71%

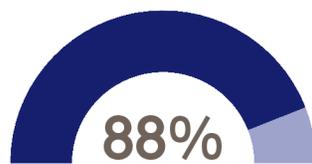
make improvements in feeding

Empowering Families with Meaningful Support

Families and care providers of individuals with autism face unique challenges. Overwhelmingly, they report significant benefits from working with an SLP.



96%
felt involved in the planning and delivery of care



88%
gained a better understanding of their child's needs



96%
observed improvement in communication skills



90%
noticed improved participation in school or social settings

The Bottom Line:

SLP services deliver meaningful, real-world gains for individuals with autism, from building fundamental communication skills essential for academic success and social connection to ensuring safe, accessible mealtimes.



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