



Hello and welcome to Easterseals!

We wanted to take a moment to give a brief overview about Speech and Language Therapy here at the Yaffe Center, Easterseals' Approved Private School.

- We provide speech and language support for children with a variety of needs both inside the classroom, during pullout sessions, in small groups, and individual sessions.
- Through the framework of an IEP, we work on a variety of goals including speech production, functional communication, oral feeding, and receptive language skills such as following directions and answering questions.
- We teach within an enjoyable and playful framework because we believe children learn best when having fun.
- We believe that children should have a variety of opportunities to practice language skills from basic vocal play to advanced alternative communication systems and that no single treatment can best suit all children.
- We consult with school and classroom staff so children can practice their communication skills throughout the school day regardless of who they are working with or where they are.
- We consult with families to provide support in learning about alternative forms of communication, specific skill development and to find out more about each student.
- We will also work with outside therapists at hospitals, or private clinics, with the family's permission so everyone on the team is on the same page.

If you have a question please do not hesitate to reach out to Maggie Cusack, Speech and Language Therapy Supervisor at [mcusack@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:mcusack@easterseals-sepa.org) or Alesha Polles, Speech Language Pathologist at [apolles@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:apolles@easterseals-sepa.org).

We look forward to getting to know you and your family!