



Therapist using audio visual aid during one to one session.



Group therapy session in progress.



Therapist using educational tools during individual sessions.



Group therapy session in progress.

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Speech & Language Therapy Department

"Helping Others Talk & Communicate"



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Introduction:

Hamza Foundation is a non profit welfare organization operating since 1954 and was officially registered in 1978. Besides its services in health care and philanthropy, the foundation is running an Academy for hearing Impaired since 1988.

Following the oralistic school of thought, the school promotes oral education in the classrooms and make use of its speech therapists in the most befitting manner. Considering the communicational needs of the students a separate department of speech and language therapy was formed in May 2006 with clearly defined objectives. The foremost objective was to provide speech and language therapy to the students within the academy. However the services are now extended to general public seeking assistance for their communicational problems on OPD basis.



Team of Professionals in Speech Department

Purposefully built cubicles with one way vision (for observation and educational purposes) fully equipped with the latest technologies like FM, and infrared systems are used to conduct individualized and group speech therapy sessions for students & clients. A latest software (Visipitch IV) is used both at the intervention and assessment stages. In conjunction with the audiology and academic department Hamza foundation Academy offers a comprehensive solution to the challenging scenario enabling these students to become a positive contributor within the society.



Speech Therapist Conducting one-one Speech Session

Role of Speech Therapy in Speech and language problems:

The essence of any action is communication. May it be in form of written language or verbal form as speech. One of the most direct methods used for communication is speech, while language is the mode of expression in print.

The importance of speech abilities is only evident once there is a problem in the speech system. The extent may be from a minor articulation problem to aphasia (a total loss of ability to comprehend or use language) A speech and language therapist is a professional who is trained to intervene in speech & language disabilities, enabling the sufferer to express and develop effective communication in one form or the other.

Phonological and Articulatory Disorders:

Children suffering from articulation disorders due to anatomical, physiological or developmental reasons come under this category. A speech & language therapist can play a pivotal role in such cases and can help better communication to reduce the mental trauma to such individuals.

Voice and Resonance Disorders:

Disorders of voice and resonance may be a result of some anatomical, physiological or pathological origin, such as cleft palate, vocal abuse, or laryngeal pathologies, etc. Voice therapy enables a client to develop a better and more efficient voice and acceptable resonance.

Neurological conditions:

Conditions such as stroke and paralysis may result in a state which prohibits the easy use of the musculatures involved in speech, e.g. Apraxia, dysarthria, etc. They may also effect the swallowing and chewing abilities. Speech therapy can help strengthen the respective oral musculature through exercises, stimulation and sensitization. Postural adjustment and food texture management can also help.

The horizon of services offered by a speech and language therapist is extensive and some of the common areas where they are of help are listed below:

Delayed Speech and Language:

Often it happens that the speech and language abilities are delayed. The child might be at anormal pace along other milestones of normal developmental milestones yet, he remain language delayed. A similar familial history, the family type, the health issues, etc. all may contribute towards this. A speech and language therapist can very effectively manage this child for successful speech development.



Speech Therapist Making Use of FM System

Fluency Disorders

Disorders like stuttering, (speech characterized with pauses, prolongations and repetitions) and cluttering (excessively fluent speech resulting in lesser intelligibility) comprise fluency disorders. Such disorders can be managed very effectively at a speech clinic.

Communicational Disorders Related to Different syndromes and Disabilities

Speech and language therapy can address very effectively to the communicational disorders in relation to certain congenital and developmental factors like, hearing impairment, physical disabilities (e.g C.P.), and mental retardation. Autistic spectrum, ADHD, ADD are some avenues where the role of speech therapy has been very well acknowledged.



Group Therapy Session in Progress

Our Services:

- Evaluation of Communicational disabilities & assessments both from within the academy and outside.
- Conducting Speech therapy sessions both on group and individual basis.
- Ancillary Audiology services by a resourceful Audiology department.
- Counseling of parents and care givers by professional psychologists.
- Providing training to the parents and concerned.
- Providing professional training to the students opting speech therapy as a future.

Hamza Foundation Academy is now extending its services of speech and language therapy at a broader level, both at its medical centers of HF and HFAD. You may see the nearest available speech language therapist or call at our numbers, and visit our website listed below.