



## **Pediatric Speech and Occupational Therapy Services**

**Community HealthCare System now offers pediatric occupational and speech therapy services at all locations.**

**At CHCS, we offer services to children from birth to 21 years of age.** We work with a variety of diagnoses, including autism, speech and motor delays, sensory processing disorders, apraxia, phonological disorders, social/language skills, grip strength, and receptive and expressive aphasia.

### **Occupational therapy may be indicated if your child:**

- Is distracted by sounds, noises
- Dislikes how clothes feel
- Licks, bites, or chews on non-food objects
- Has poor balance/poor posture
- Grasps pencils too tight or has poor grip and falls often
- Has low muscle tone
- Moves frequently while in a chair
- Has difficulty tracking visually
- Is transitioning off G tube and needs to increase oral intake
- Is transitioning between food stages
- Suffers from poor planning/execution of tasks
- Has low tonicity disorders

### **Speech therapy may be necessary if your child has:**

- Developmental delay/autism
- Speech that is hard to understand
- Lisp/stutter
- Difficulty with expressing themselves
- Inability to speak by the age of 12 months
- Problem feeding or meal-time routine issues
- Difficulty meeting developmental milestones
- Voice/pitch and word articulation deficits
- Memory deficits
- Oral/motor weakness
- Trouble comprehending spoken speech from adults/peers

**Contact your provider for a referral for Occupational or Speech Therapy services. Questions?** Contact CHCS at 785-889-5068 or contact Andrea Lutz, DPT, at [andrealutz@chcsks.org](mailto:andrealutz@chcsks.org).