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To Hear - To Speak - To Understand

H.E.L.P

Help
Eliminate
Language & Learning
Problems in Children



*“An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying for the light.
And with no language but a cry”
— Alfred Lord Tennyson*



THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
ORIENT OF FLORIDA
CLINICS AND PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE DISORDERS

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A. Inc.

THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, U.S.A., INC. was first chartered as the Scottish Rite Foundation of Tampa, on July 3, 1961. However, the name was changed to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U. S. A., Inc. on November 2nd of that year, and we continue to operate as such.

Due to the foresight of our founders, the Foundation was enlarged to include the entire state and through the financial support of our members, we have grown since those early days from one clinic located in the All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg to fourteen clinics and we are still growing. Treatment in our clinics since 1975 is reaching into the thousands and with the training received in these clinics, these children will take their proper place in society and become productive citizens.

Statement of Purpose

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U. S. A., Inc., has as its STATE-WIDE mission the support of our CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE DISORDERS CLINICS

This program is clear evidence of Florida Scottish Rite Masons CARING and SHARING in helping to build America's future by investing in the youth of today.

How you can eliminate language and learning problems in children.

Thanks to the generosity of Scottish Rite members throughout the national and local foundations, which provide financial support for our Childhood Language Disorders Clinics and Programs, thousands of children have been evaluated and successfully treated in a nurturing environment.

Miracles *can* happen, and with skillful evaluation and treatment, miracles *are* happening in Scottish Rite facilities in Florida and throughout the United States.

However, more clinics and programs are needed to help all the children with these problems.

Also, Scottish Rite Clinics already in existence continue to need donations for additional therapists, instructional materials, special equipment and improved facilities.

In addition to our membership support, the Scottish Rite encourages all concerned citizens



to assist in this worthy humanitarian effort. One way to assist is through estate planning. A bequest to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U. S. A.,

Inc., can be designated for support of our children's charity. Gifts, of course, are tax deductible as provided by law.

Children are tomorrow's citizens and the hope for our world. To help America's children overcome their challenges is a major contribution to our future.

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Communication disorders in children

To Hear—To Speak—To Understand
These are basic steps of language development in the young mind.

Yet, there are normal, healthy children, rich and poor alike, who are shut off from communications, even with their own parents! These children's hearing, speech, language or learning problems arise because of a variety of reasons.

Research is continuing on the causes of poor speech and language development, as well as associated learning disabilities in children.

There is a wide age range for children to begin talking, therefore, parents may not at first recognize any communication disorders. Parents may gradually become aware and concerned that something may be amiss as they wait expectantly for the first intelligible word uttered by their child.

Speech language disorders affect approximately six million children in the United

States. However, many of these childhood problems do not mean mental deficiency or emotional disturbance. Often these children have from average to even superior intelligence. What they lack is the ability to exercise this intelligence through normal speech and language channels.



Today, at our Scottish Rite Clinics in the state of Florida, many children with communication disorders are being helped to hear, to speak, and to understand

The Miracle of the Scottish Rite Clinics and Programs for Childhood Language Disorders

In the early 1950's in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of Scottish Rite Clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are fourteen clinics in Florida



and many more throughout the United States. In these clinics, there are special programs for children. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists who must hold a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology. Through the support of Scottish Rite Masons and friends of the Foundation, these

clinics and programs continue to increase.

The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Thousands of youngsters have received significant help in our Florida clinics, while tens of thousands more across the United States have been helped. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally handicapped for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead useful lives.

Program eligibility

As a rule, the Scottish Rite Clinics for Childhood Language Disorders accept pre-school children who have difficulty speaking or understanding the spoken word, or school age children who have difficulty learning to read. Inquiries on age group program offerings in specific areas should be addressed to the Trustee at the local Scottish Rite facility listed on the back of this brochure.

Equally important, all services are available regardless of race, creed, or the family's inability to pay.

Personal involvement

The parent's cooperation is essential for every child. The whole family, as well as the child, is trained by skilled clinicians so that, in addition to treatment, parents are able to continue at home the clinic's recommended therapy.

Membership involvement of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

There is a contribution in human terms in solving these problems for the well-being and happiness of children and their parents. There is also a very significant contribution to the economic health of our country by providing the means for these children to become productive adults, able to contribute to their own lives and to the betterment of society. Education and concern for our children have always been one of the fundamental tenets of the Masonic Fraternity. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida provides educational grants, or scholarships to qualified, needy high school students seeking higher education through the Bachelor's Degree. We continue to advocate and support the educational program.

Helping children with speech and language disorders and learning disabilities is a particular mission of the Scottish Rite. Together with our Childhood Language Disorders Program, our support of education—scholarship is a continuing effort, and each and every member will want to help fulfill this total effort and mission.

The importance of early evaluation and treatment

In the past few years, there has been increased recognition of the importance of evaluation and treatment of childhood language problems at the earliest possible opportunity. The chances of a child with a communication disorder attaining his or her peer group level are much greater, if the child receives help at an early age.

What to do if a parent suspects a child needs help.

A parent with concerns about a child's language or learning ability should call a Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders for guidance, or contact a Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in the area where the help is needed. (See listing on back page of this brochure). If this fails, you may contact the Foundation Secretary in Winter Park at (407) 657-4550 for further instructions.

The first step is a complete evaluation of the child's condition by professionals. In most instances, a child identified as having a communication disorder can be helped by the Scottish Rite. However, a child who demonstrates overall developmental delays or severe handicapping conditions may require other forms of treatment, such as physical therapy or a full-time special education program.

Any of the trained speech language pathologists at the Scottish Rite Clinics can recommend programs specializing in advanced treatment.

In Florida, these clinics are generally associated with major hospitals in the area. All are clearly identified in this brochure or in the telephone book in the area where they are located.

The main thing parents should remember is to seek help as soon as possible if there is any indication that the child has a problem.

Results that touch the heart

A child so frustrated that he was hyperactive became a productive learner.

A child who was alienated and depressed because of a language impairment and who was devastating his household became friendly and responded in a happy manner to gentle, sustained treatment.

A little girl who was thought retarded reached out and spoke the names of her parents.

A boy who had a seemingly hopeless speech problem is today a successful lawyer.

Another boy who could not speak a single intelligible word is now a Marine Drill Sergeant.

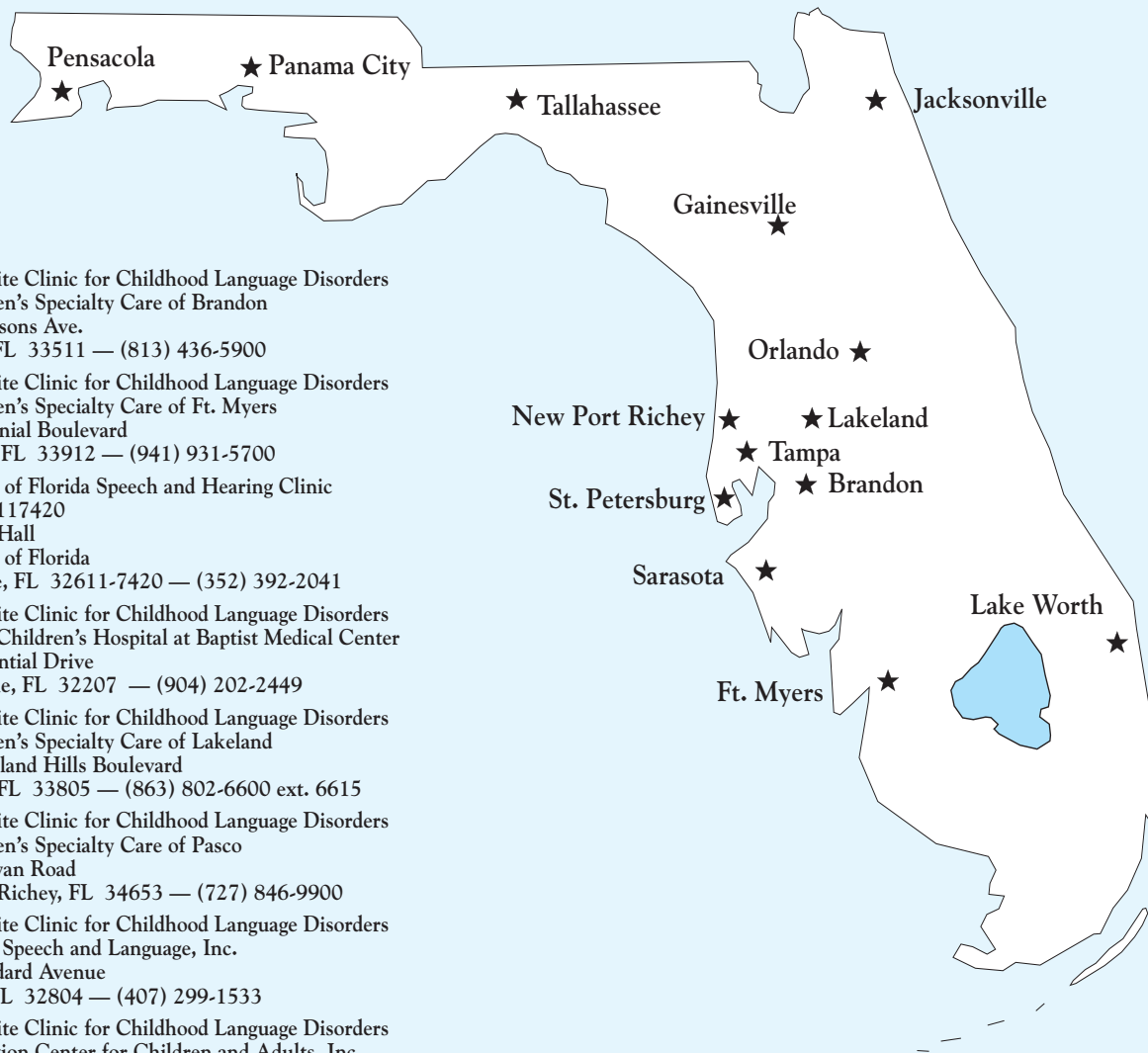
How to identify Language Disorders and Associated Learning Disabilities

Children who have these problems are sometimes hard to detect. As noted before, there is a wide age range for children to begin talking. Parents may become concerned later than desirable, may not recognize, or may misinterpret the symptoms.

These children are often slow in developing a vocabulary or are difficult to understand, using incomplete or incorrect sentences or gibberish. They may have difficulties with attention, memory, or word retrieval. They may be slow in processing auditory information.

There are many technical diagnostic terms for these problems, and some of them can sound terrifying to parents. However, parents must remember that many of these dysfunctions do not mean mental deficiency or emotional disturbance.





Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Brandon
 885 S. Parsons Ave.
 Brandon, FL 33511 — (813) 436-5900

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Ft. Myers
 4550 Colonial Boulevard
 Ft. Myers, FL 33912 — (941) 931-5700

University of Florida Speech and Hearing Clinic
 P. O. Box 117420
 435 Duer Hall
 University of Florida
 Gainesville, FL 32611-7420 — (352) 392-2041

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Wolfson's Children's Hospital at Baptist Medical Center
 800 Prudential Drive
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 — (904) 202-2449

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Lakeland
 3310 Lakeland Hills Boulevard
 Lakeland, FL 33805 — (863) 802-6600 ext. 6615

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Pasco
 4443. Rowan Road
 New Port Richey, FL 34653 — (727) 846-9900

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Center for Speech and Language, Inc.
 5020 Goddard Avenue
 Orlando, FL 32804 — (407) 299-1533

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults, Inc.
 300 Royal Palm Way
 Palm Beach, FL 33480 — (561) 655-7266 or 7268

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Speechcare, Inc.
 1034 Jenks Avenue
 Panama City, FL 32401 — (850) 769-5971

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Baptist Hospital
 1000 W. Moreno St.
 Pensacola, FL 32501-2316 — (850) 434-4957

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 Speech Language Pathology at All Children's Hospital
 801 6th Street South
 St. Petersburg, FL 33701 — (727) 892-4141 or (800) 888-9794

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Sarasota
 5881 Rand Boulevard
 Sarasota, FL 34238 — (941) 927-8805

Scottish Rite Clinics for Childhood Language Disorders

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 L. L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic
 107 RRC (Regional Rehabilitation Center)
 Florida State University
 Tallahassee, FL 32306-1200— 850-644-2238

Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders
 All Children's Specialty Care of Tampa
 12220 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
 Tampa, FL 33612 — (813) 631-5014