



Eligibility criteria for a referral to the Montreal Children's Hospital's Speech-Language Pathology Department

1. Children 0-5 years old (prior to school entry) with a speech and/or language problem of significant degree who have never been assessed or treated in the public sector AND who have undergone an initial screening by their CIUSSS (Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux). Please refer to the Brain, Development and Behavior Centralized Intake Office for more information: <https://www.thechildren.com/departments-and-staff/departments/department-of-brain-development-and-behaviour>
2. Children 0-7 years old who live on the island of Montreal, and have a speech and/or language problem which is part of a global developmental delay that requires a multidisciplinary evaluation for a new diagnosis. Please refer to the Brain, Development and Behavior Centralized Intake Office for more information: <https://www.thechildren.com/departments-and-staff/departments/department-of-brain-development-and-behaviour>
3. Children 0-18 years old with concomitant medical conditions that have the potential to lead to a speech and/or language problem (new and/or active neurological conditions, brain injury, etc.)
4. Children 0-18 years old with cleft palate, sub mucous cleft palate, vocal cord nodules, and other voice and resonance disorders.

Who is not eligible:

1. Children 0-5 years old with mild speech and/or language difficulties such as a "lisp". Please refer directly to the CIUSSS or CISSS of your region for services.
2. Children 0-18 years old who stutter. If stuttering has persisted for 6 months or more, please refer directly to the "Centre de réadaptation en déficience physique" (CRDP) or CIUSSS of your region.
3. Children who are in school, except those with a concomitant medical condition that has the potential to lead to a speech-language problem (see previous section). Please request services in the child's school.
 4. Children with orofacial myofunctional disorders and tongue thrust.