



## **Introduction**

Speak Life Therapy is owned and operated by Mrs. Sarah McCollum, who is a licensed speech-language pathologist. Families who are curious about whether or not a child could use speech & language support, are encouraged to call or email Mrs. McCollum- we can discuss any questions/concerns you may have. Depending on family concerns and the result of our conversation, we can proceed to an evaluation.

Evaluation results will indicate whether or not a child would benefit from speech & language services, and a treatment plan will be created, and the family can select a time for therapy. Families who invest in speech therapy can expect to fill out intake paperwork, complete a parent interview, and can elect to get text/email reminders about therapy session appointments. Students are expected to practice their speech therapy homework 2-3x/week outside of the therapy session.

## **Schedule**

Students who qualify for speech therapy will attend one thirty minute session per week at KAT, and can elect to attend speech therapy sessions a second day per week at the Speak Life Therapy office (2813 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49006).

## **Therapy information**

Families who pursue speech therapy can elect to pay privately or use their medical insurance. Speak Life Therapy is currently credentialed to take Medicaid/Priority Health/United Healthcare. Mrs. McCollum is also working on becoming credentialed through Blue Cross Blue Shield. If a family chooses to use the private pay option, Mrs. McCollum can provide superbills that you can send to your insurance carrier with the possibility of reimbursement for your investment. There is no guarantee, however, that your insurance carrier will reimburse for speech therapy services. If a family elects to use their medical insurance, they are encouraged to obtain a referral from their primary care physician prior to their initial evaluation.

Throughout the course of therapy, families can expect to receive progress notes every 8-10 weeks of therapy. Families are also welcome to attend therapy sessions as desired, and can also work with Mrs. McCollum on gaining experience to carry over strategies at home through parent coaching sessions (separate cost from therapy session).

## **Investment and Cancellation Policy**

Payment for all services (evaluations, treatment) is due at the time of service. Speak Life Therapy currently takes cash, check, and Venmo (not preferred, also includes an additional \$2 fee). Invoices and/or payment receipts can be provided to families as desired. A small additional fee of approximately \$5 will be added to the first therapy session due to KAT room rental costs. All families accessing speech therapy through Speak Life Therapy at KAT also need to complete KAT's registration documentation and pay the KAT registration fee.

Please notify Mrs. McCollum of cancellations by phone, text, or email at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment. Payment for missed appointments will still be expected if a family has more than 2 no-shows or if they cancel less than 24hrs in advance more than 2 times.

If classes at KAT are canceled due to weather or unplanned illness in Mrs. McCollum’s family, Mrs. McCollum will attempt to reschedule for later in the week as able.

**About Mrs. McCollum:**

Mrs. McCollum is married to the love of her life, Austin McCollum, and they have two children. Sarah was saved as a child, and has been a long-time attender/member of Calvary Bible Church. She attended GVSU and Arizona State University for her education, and is bilingual in Spanish. Her professional experience includes early childhood, articulation/phonological impairments, language impairments, work with children with Down Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Cleft Palate-affected speech. When Sarah has free time (difficult to get with two little ones), she loves to go for runs, spend time with church friends, and try new coffee shops with her husband Austin.

<b>Speak Life Therapy Investment</b>				
	Screenings/Initial interview	Evaluation	30 Minute Therapy Sessions	Total Investment for 17 weeks of speech therapy
All payment due at time of service				
Articulation or Stuttering	FREE	\$100	\$45 x17 weeks: \$765	\$865
Language/Social Pragmatics	FREE	\$100	\$45 x17 weeks: \$765	\$865
Articulation & Language	FREE	\$150	\$45 x17 weeks: \$765	\$915

**Other Services**

Family Coaching: Additional \$20 per session and added 10 minutes to session length. *Includes: Intensive collaboration during and after therapy sessions with clients and family members to problem solve and practice best methods for family support of client goals. Family members will be expected to practice strategies with children during the week and report back to SLP on progress.*

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