RITECARE CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

The RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders at Georgia Southern is the primary RiteCare facility in the Savannah area. The RiteCare Center is supported by an annual contribution from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Savannah Valley in keeping with the national philanthropic program of the Scottish Rite Masons to support speech and hearing clinics.

The center is staffed by students pursuing their master's degrees in speech-language pathology in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDS) program (Department of Rehabilitation Sciences) at Georgia Southern. Supervision is provided by CSDS program faculty, all of whom are certified by the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.

The Communication Sciences and Disorders program is nationally accredited by the ASHA Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA).

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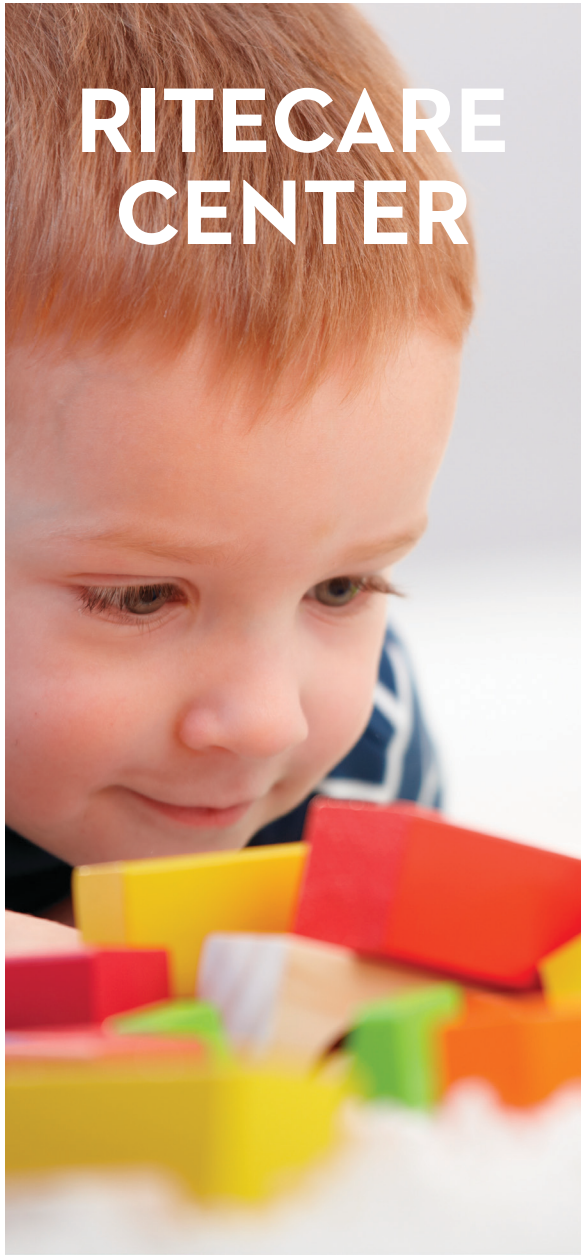

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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

Many of the referrals to the RiteCare Center at Georgia Southern come from clients themselves, but can also be initiated by family members, health care providers, schools, speech language pathologists or other professionals. Our center serves individuals from the Savannah community and beyond.

SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING PROGRAMS

Child Therapy Program

The Child Therapy Program provides services to preschool and school-age children who have delays or disorders in language, fluency, voice, articulation and phonology, including those with severe speech impairments requiring augmentative and alternative communication.

Adult Therapy Program

The Adult Therapy Program provides services to adults (18 years or older) with a variety of speech and language disorders. The adults in the program are from the local geographic area.

DISORDERS AND POPULATIONS SERVED

Some of the disorders and populations we serve at the RiteCare Center include:

- ***Accent Modification***—We can provide services to speakers who want to modify or reduce an accent.
- ***Literacy Services***—We assist those with literacy (reading and writing) difficulties.
- ***Articulation Disorders***—We can assist with atypical productions of speech sounds, such as substitutions, omissions, additions or distortions that may interfere with intelligibility.
- ***Fluency Disorders***—We can assist with the interruptions in the flow of speaking or stuttering. A fluency disorder may be characterized by atypical rate and rhythm as well as repetitions in sounds and syllables.
- ***Voice/Resonance Disorders***—We can assist clients with disorders affecting vocal quality, pitch, loudness and resonance. Individuals with voice disorders may have a voice that sounds hypernasal, hyponasal, hoarse or breathy.
- ***Language Disorders***—We can assist individuals who have impairments of spoken and/or written language.

HEARING SCREENING AND AURAL REHABILITATION

Our hearing programs include hearing screening at area elementary schools, community events and in the clinic. We offer auditory processing and aural rehabilitation services for children and adults.

INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED PLANS

Individual plans can help with skills in the following areas:

Social Communication

- Group social interaction
- Pragmatic language
- Behavior management
- Conversing effectively
- Asking and answering questions
- Play skills

Speech

- Stuttering
- Using age-appropriate sounds
- Lisping
- Nasality
- Clarity of speech

Hearing

- Screening
- Auditory processing
- Aural rehabilitation

Language

- Word retrieval
- Verbal problem solving
- Reasoning
- Literacy
- Bilingualism
- Following directions
- Using and understanding grammar
- Augmentative and alternative communication

Cognition

- Critical-thinking skills
- Attention
- Memory (long-term and short-term)
- Verbal and non-verbal sequencing of daily tasks
- Planning and goal setting

FEES

Our affordable, high-quality services are offered to all members of the community. Financial assistance is available to others based on income, need and availability in the clinic.

HOW TO CONTACT US

If you are interested in an assessment and/or therapy, or if you have questions about any of the programs please contact the clinic. We are located in Suite 25 of the Armstrong Center, adjacent to the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

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