Online Computer Coaching

Online coaching creates a partnership between you and our therapist. You share information about learning situations and practice different types of activities to improve children's speech-language learning skills. Using different coaching activities, the therapist provides informed guidance to you and can model different approaches to practice. Seeing a child in a natural situation is often more effective than the therapist “telling” a parent or teacher what to do.

Coaching supports the research based practices essential for child success. ONLINE coaching helps achieve greater success in home settings and supports high quality early childhood classrooms.

Telepractice & Speech Therapy

Using technology to increase understanding of the practical application of best practices in service delivery for Maine people.

“We are exceedingly happy with the care our daughter receives. The therapist has been capable of shifting therapy approaches to deal with our daughter’s issues...helpful learning to interact with our daughter and accommodating to our own family schedule.

parent comments: JW & BW Hampden, ME

FREE Initial online visit to ‘test drive’ our services. Contact us!

Speech Language Pathology
The Voice & Swallowing Center of Maine
P.O. Box 287 118 Northport Avenue
Belfast, ME. 04915
207-338-9349
speech@wcgh.org
on the web at www.mainespeechtherapy.org

Speech Therapy

Waldo County General Hospital
Speech Language Pathology
Voice & Swallowing Center of Maine
Belfast, ME
www.mainespeechtherapy.org
**Speech Therapy & Telepractice**

Telepractice uses computers to connect children, families & teachers to speech therapy from a distance.

Using a standard web camera and online video connections, our therapists connect with you in your home or school to provide speech therapy.

Our teletherapy offers "live" interactive face to face therapy, coaching and consultation from a distance, using your computer in your home or school.

There are many kinds of speech therapy approaches available with teletherapy:

- therapist to child, for assessment and treatment,
- therapist to parent for coaching and direct service with a child,
- therapist to teacher consultation,
- therapist coaching to a grandparent or day care provider.

Our other specialized services include:

- Training & Coaching teachers
- Enhanced curriculum training
- Literacy & Language activities
- What really matters in vocabulary
- Differentiated Instruction
- Books as interventions
- DVD/ Video Online Parent Coaching

**Effectiveness**

Many studies have been done to prove speech teletherapy provided through computers is as effective as face to face. When properly used, the results are the same. The online session can be recorded online for review later by teachers or other family members at any time ‘24/7’ from their computers.

**Equipment**

You will need a computer with a high speed internet connection. (similar to Verizon DSL, Road Runner or cable connection) and a web camera. Many computers have web cams built in. If you do not have a web cam, one can be inexpensively purchased. We will provide instructions on how to hook it up and get connected. The online connection to your therapy session is made through our secure online video conferencing service. We’ll email you with a link so you can connect in “one easy click.”

There is NO COST for teletherapy speech therapy online connection.

**Payment**

Waldo County General Hospital is fully approved by the State of Maine (MaineCare). Other insurances may cover this service. Some schools will pay for this valuable service. Ask us about how we can help.

**Skilled Therapists**

This is not typical speech therapy. Our therapists are the most skilled and experienced in Maine in telepractice and coaching. They have experience, training, skill and success coaching parents and teachers about working most effectively with children to achieve best outcomes.

**Proven Results**

The table below shows vocabulary & literacy improvements in a group of 4 year old children diagnosed with speech & language disorders.

These children improved from low/below average to ‘ready to read’ in just five months using the teacher coaching model developed by our therapists.

Contact us for more information.