



Coffee Talk Series

One of Shoreline's mandates is to increase awareness and understanding of communication health topics in our community. We offer regular free public talks at our office. Topics include:

- Early Language Development and Late Talkers
- Stuttering in Childhood
- Reading and Writing Challenges in the School Years
- Speech and Language Development in Children
- Speech and Voice Changes in Parkinson's Disease
- Speech and Language After Stroke
- Communication Changes in Dementia

Registration is limited to 8 people. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. There will be space for little ones to play in the room.

Shoreline's Team

Shoreline's team is made up of three clinicians with complementary skills to provide a range of services for adults and children in the Dartmouth and Halifax area. Our team offers:

- Services for adults: stroke, Parkinson's disease, dementia, stuttering, voice
- Services for children: speech, language, stuttering, reading, and writing
- bilingual services
- home visits
- visits to residents in continuing care
- short wait times (new clients can usually be seen immediately)
- continuing education opportunities

Speech-Language Pathologists

Speech language pathologists work with people with communication disorders. They evaluate and provide intervention for speech, language, fluency, voice, and cognitive-communication disorders. SLPs in Nova Scotia have a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology and are clinically certified by Speech-Language & Audiology Canada.



Shoreline Speech Therapy

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Continuing Care Education Series

Communication is critical to residents' quality of life, safety, staff and client satisfaction, and efficiency. For clients with communication disorders, nursing staff can participate in continuing education to better understand these communication disorders, learn how to optimize residents' communication abilities, and reduce disability. This series is free to continuing care staff and can be provided on site. Sessions are 45-60 minutes long. Scheduling is flexible.

The purpose of these sessions is to facilitate a greater understanding of communication disorders, how they may impact their residents, how to support residents, and practical strategies to implement in daily interactions.

- Communicating with Adults with Aphasia
- Communicating with Persons with Dementia
- Speech, Voice, and Linguistic Changes in Parkinson's Disease
- Better Communication, Better Mealtimes

Continuing Care Bursary Program

This program was developed to increase access to intervention for persons residing in continuing care facilities who would otherwise not be able to access communication health care services due to mobility and financial constraints. Up to two bursaries are offered per year.

Eligible persons may have:

- known or suspected aphasia, apraxia of speech, and/or dysarthria secondary to **stroke** or other acquired brain injury
- known or suspected dysarthria, voice impairment, stuttering, and/or cognitive-linguistic symptoms secondary to **Parkinson's disease**
- known or suspected dysarthria secondary to **Huntington's disease**

The bursary provides for a full assessment and block of intervention (up to 6 months) provided at the individual(s) place of residence. All costs of service are included in the bursary except for electronic augmentative communication devices (e.g., computer-based devices and applications).

Contact Shoreline for details.

Early Childhood Education Series

Early childhood educators play an important role in early communication development. They provide enriched opportunities for children to learn along with their peers. Educators can advance their skill set in this area through continuing education opportunities offered by S-LPs. This can help them to better identify when to refer parents to an S-LP for concerns related to stuttering, social communication, and speech and language development. Shoreline offers a series of free inservices for preschool staff in the Dartmouth area. Sessions are 45-60 minutes long. Scheduling flexible.

The following topics are currently offered but can be tailored to meet a group's needs:

- Early Childhood Speech and Language Development: What to Expect
- Stuttering in the Preschool Years: Recovery, Persistent Stuttering, and How to Act
- Late Talkers: Red Flags, Risk Factors, and When to Refer

