

The Connection Between Speech & Social Skills



Social Anxiety



Children with speech delays are at a higher risk of social anxiety and peer rejection.

Reading Disorders



30% of children with speech delays later develop reading disorders

Experience Bullying



Kids with speech and language difficulties are **2.5x more likely to experience bullying.**

WHY SPEECH SKILLS MATTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Children need strong language skills to express emotions and navigate peer interactions.
- Unclear speech leads to frustration, which can cause social withdrawal.
- Kids with strong communication skills are more likely to develop self-confidence, leadership abilities, and emotional resilience.



HOW SPEECH THERAPY SUPPORTS SOCIAL GROWTH:



- Encourages turn-taking and conversational skills.
- Builds confidence in classroom discussions and group interactions.
- Strengthens problem-solving abilities and emotional expression.

Better speech skills = Stronger friendships, better academic participation, and increased self-esteem!