

Speech Pathology Screening – Tuesday March 27th 2018

For the 20% of children with speech or language difficulties, the experience of transitioning to a new learning environment can be more worrying, than exciting. As You know, moving up to Prep or transitioning into Kindy is a big step for all little learners!

To help identify and support those children with speech or language difficulties, prior to starting the next stage in their lives, **Tyack Health is offering Speech Pathology** Screening on Tuesday 27th of March 2018 at the office of Wynnum Family Day Care in The Wynnum Community Centre.

This service may be of interest for children:

- Starting Prep or transitioning to Kindy
- Who are difficult to understand
- Whose talking just sounds different to other children their age
- Who struggle to follow directions or understand what is being said to them
- Who are not yet engaging in books or early signs of literacy development
- Who have trouble engaging with their peers
- Whose parent/carers feel unsure about their child's communication, play, behaviour or participation skills and are worried about the transition to the next stage of education.



To secure a screening time for a child please contact – Child Development Program Manager – Karen-Lea Simmers on ph 33934311 or karen-lea@wynnumfdc.org

Kind regards

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Details of the Screening Program

The screening program is designed to be conducted in a familiar child based play setting.



Which skills will be screened?

The children's skills in:

- Speech: the sounds the child is using in their talking
- Understanding language: following instructions, comprehending sentences
- Using language: answering questions, using grammar, making sentences, vocabulary
- Phonological awareness: listening skills needed to start developing literacy

Who will conduct the screening?

The children will be screened by Alanna Mylne, an experienced paediatric speech pathologist, who is registered with the national body for speech pathologists and has a Working with Children Blue Card.

How will the screening take place?

The screen will take approximately 20-30 minutes per child, depending on their engagement. The therapist will screen children individually, in the Wynnum Family Day Care Family Interview Room.

How will parents find out the results?

A summary sheet of the findings will be provided for each child, so the results can be quickly and easily sent home. Ideas for skill development and /or recommendations for further assessment will be provided, should they be needed. There is no obligation for families to continue accessing services through Tyack Health after the screening, if further assessment is recommended; however, this option will be available to families, should they wish to follow up.

How much will the screen cost?

The cost of the screen is **\$35 per child**. Payment can be given directly to the therapist on the day, prior to the child being screened. It works well if families return their permission slip and payment in an envelope a few days prior to the screening day, to allow for forgetfulness. If the slip has not been returned, the child cannot participate in the screen.

Scheduling

Currently, the date for the screen visit is **Tuesday the 27th of March**.

Specific start and finish times for the day will be discussed with you, once the numbers of children being screened are known. In order to run the screening day, a minimum of five children will need to be scheduled. This does not necessarily have to be the child's rostered day with their educator; a parent may bring their child in for the screening appointment.