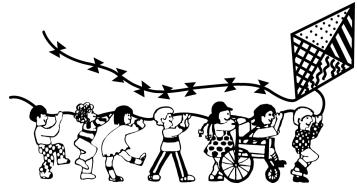


## **WHEN TO REFER FOR A SPEECH AND/OR LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT**

### **A guide to help you make an appropriate referral**

	<b>3 year old</b>	<b>4 year old</b>
Refer if the child is not yet using the following sounds:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>h, m, n, p, b, w, t, d, s, f, k, g or /s/ blends.</b></li> <li>• A child of this age should be understood by their parents 50 to 75% of the time.</li> <li>• If people struggle to understand the child and parents are the interpreter make a referral.</li> <li>• Shows frustration if not understood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>h, m, n, p, b, w, t, d, s, f, k, g or /s/ blends.</b></li> <li>• A child of this age should be understood by parents 75 to 90% of the time.</li> <li>• If people struggle to understand the child and parents are the interpreter make a referral.</li> <li>• Shows frustration if not understood.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is developmentally appropriate for a 3 and 4 year old to mispronounce /r/, /l/, "th", "sh", "ch", "y" and "j". These sounds are not recommended for referral.</li> </ul>	
Refer if the child is struggling with the following language areas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses less than 3-4 words per sentence.</li> <li>• Is not using plurals, "ing", "ed" or possessive "s" (mom's, dad's, king's).</li> <li>• Doesn't use, or uses incorrectly early pronouns "he, she, your, me, mine, you".</li> <li>• Appears to have a low vocabulary ... should have approximately 1000 words.</li> <li>• Cannot stay with an activity for 8 - 9 minutes.</li> <li>• Cannot follow two-step related directions without cues.</li> <li>• Cannot relate personal experiences in words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer if any of the areas for 3 year old are not present as well as:</li> <li>• Uses less than 4-5 words per sentence.</li> <li>• Doesn't use, or uses incorrectly pronouns "they, us, hers, his, them, her".</li> <li>• Appears to have a low vocabulary ... should have approximately 1500 words.</li> <li>• Cannot stay with an activity for 10-12 minutes.</li> <li>• Cannot follow three-step directions without cues.</li> <li>• Does not use words to invite others to play.</li> </ul>

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## Referral Options

1. Have the parent call **1-888-388-6575** and ask to speak to a booking clerk.
2. Call 1-888-388-6575, with the parent present, and have them speak to a booking clerk.
3. Complete the referral form found on the RCSD website. You will need to ensure you have informed the parents that a referral is being made. Booking will contact the family and arrange an assessment appointment.

## Important things to know

1. There is no fee for services with Children's Allied Health.
2. At Children's Allied Health Services we are successfully booking most children in for an assessment within 10 days of referral.
3. Parents are required to be present for the initial assessment.
4. Travel may be required to attend initial assessment appointment.