

***PEDIATRIC INFORMATION PACKET  
DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION***

***Cover letter  
Driving Directions to CSHC***

***If you intend to seek insurance reimbursement.....\****  
***Patient Intake & Insurance Information\****  
***Pediatric Speech-Language-Hearing Case History Form\****  
***Parent verification of IEP/IFSP status (Pediatrics only)\****



To Parents/Guardian:

Your physician has referred your child to Columbus Speech & Hearing Center for a speech/ language/ swallowing or occupational therapy evaluation.

In order to proceed with scheduling an appointment, please complete the enclosed documents and return them to us as soon as possible. When we receive the completed documents, we will contact you to schedule the evaluation appointment.

Please tell us the best way to contact you (check all that apply):

- Phone – give us the number to call \_\_\_\_\_
- Text – give us the number to text \_\_\_\_\_
- EMAIL – give us your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us when it is best to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions about scheduling, contact Megan Catlin at 706-324-6112, extension 202. Feel free to leave her a voice message if she is not available.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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*Enclosed forms for your general information:*

1. *Driving directions to Columbus Speech & Hearing Center*
2. *If You Intend to Seek Insurance Reimbursement*

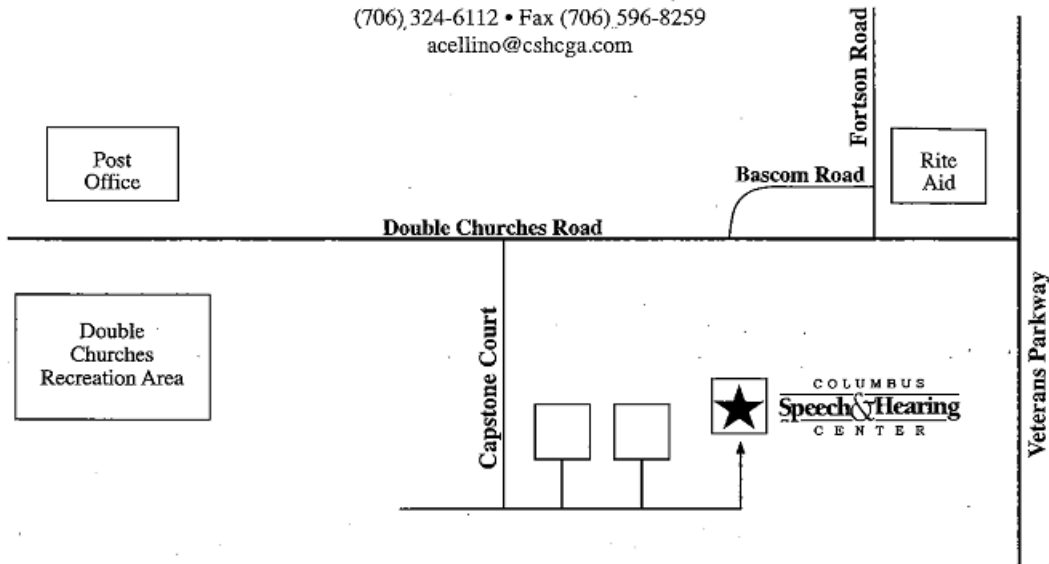
*Materials to return to Columbus Speech & Hearing Center before an initial visit is scheduled:*

1. *Case History Form*
2. *Patient Insurance Information*
3. *Parent verification that the child does/does not have a current IEP*
4. *Permission to obtain information form & permission to release information form*

## Directions to Columbus Speech & Hearing Center

### C O L U M B U S Speech & Hearing C E N T E R

2424 Double Churches Road • Columbus, GA 31909  
(706) 324-6112 • Fax (706) 596-8259  
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#### Coming from LaGrange/Atlanta (I-185 South)

- Take Williams Road, Exit 12
- Turn Left onto Williams Road
- Continue on Williams Rd for almost a mile
- Turn Right onto Fortson Road
- Stay on Fortson until you come to traffic light
- Turn Right onto Double Churches Rd
- Pass Palms Apts on Left; CSHC is next entrance on Left

#### Coming from Ft Benning (I-185 North)

- Take Exit 10 towards US-27/US-80/GA22/Macon/Phenix City, Al
- Keep Right to GA-22 East/US-80E ramp towards US-27 Macon
- Keep Right to take Veterans Pkwy ramp
- Turn Right on Veterans Parkway
- Cross over I-185; Turn Left onto Double Churches Road
- Pass North Lake Center and Palms Apts; take next entrance to Left to CSHC

#### Coming from East/Midland (JR Allen/US-80)

- Take Exit 4 towards I-185/Atlanta/Ft Benning
- Keep Right to US-27/GA-1/Veterans Pkwy ramp
- Go through traffic light onto Double Churches Road
- Pass North Lake Center and Palms Apts; take next entrance on Left

#### Coming from Phenix City (US 80 East)

- Take Exit 4 towards US-27/GA-1/Veterans Pkwy/Moon Road/I-185/Ft Benning/Atlanta
- Stay in Right lane and merge onto Veterans Pkwy/US-27 N/GA-1 toward Hamilton
- Turn Right onto Veterans Parkway
- Turn Left onto Double Churches Road
- Pass North Lake Center and the Palms Apts; take next entrance on the Left



### **IF YOU INTEND TO SEEK INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT**

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center is an approved provider for multiple insurance companies. You should know that insurance companies frequently list speech therapy, audiology, and occupational therapy as reimbursable services, but that is not a guarantee of payment, particularly if the disorder is not due to a “medical” condition. Before your first visit, our staff will contact your insurance company and determine if the diagnostic evaluation is covered, if you have related deductible or co-pay. We will share that information with you before your visit here.

Before your first visit, we need:

1. Your physician to send us a prescription for a speech, language, occupation, and/or hearing evaluation. These scripts are faxed to our office (Fax: 706-596-8259)
2. A copy of your insurance card, front and back. You may provide that at your appointment here.
3. A completed *Patient Intake and Insurance Information* form, which is enclosed

If therapy is needed and you intend to seek insurance reimbursement:

1. Insurance companies typically require a written Diagnostic Evaluation, which we provide with a request for prior authorization of therapy. We notify you of their response before therapy starts.
2. Insurance companies may require periodic (usually on 6 month intervals) re-evaluations with progress reports. These entail additional reports, updated treatment plans, and staff time. Applicable fees are charged to the patient as “Additional services”.
3. In general, we cannot negotiate with your insurance company on your behalf. In case of denials, we will provide any information they request, such as diagnostic reports or daily treatment notes. Will share all knowledge we have of what triggered the denial. If it is due to clerical error on our part, we will correct those errors and resubmit the claim. If it is due to the insurance company’s coverage restrictions, we cannot negotiate with them on your behalf.
4. You are ultimately responsible for payment in full for any professional services rendered, regardless of your insurance status. Understand that prior authorization for a procedure is not always a guarantee of payment by the insurance company.





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## PEDIATRIC SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CASE HISTORY FORM

### IDENTIFYING AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
Who referred you to CSHC? \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with (check one):  Birth parents  Adoptive parents  One parent  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there a language other than English spoken in the home?  No  Yes. It is \_\_\_\_\_

### PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION

- Please state your main concern and the main problem your child is having: \_\_\_\_\_
- Overall, how concerned (worried) are you about your child:  
Parent 1:  Not at all  A little  Moderately  Quite a lot  Extremely  
Parent 2:  Not at all  A little  Moderately  Quite a lot  Extremely
- Is the problem staying the same, improving, or deteriorating? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is there anything that makes the problem worse? \_\_\_\_\_
- What questions would you like answered about your child? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please describe any previous evaluations or therapy your child has received, related to this problem (psychological, educational, speech-language, occupational therapy, neurological, medical) : \_\_\_\_\_

### BIRTH, DEVELOPMENTAL, AND MEDICAL HISTORY

- Describe any complications with the pregnancy or during birth (such as infections, high blood pressure, diabetes, bleeding, weight loss, accidents, fever, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_
- List any medications during the pregnancy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you smoke during the pregnancy?  No  Yes. Use alcohol or other drugs?  No  Yes
- Length of the pregnancy? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of labor? \_\_\_\_\_ Child's birthweight: \_\_\_\_\_
- Did the child need any special care during the first few days?  No  Yes. If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Has your child ever failed to progress, lost any skills, or gone backwards in development. If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- As your child was growing up, were you concerned about any of the following? If Yes, explain briefly.  
 Early motor development (sitting, walking, running, potty training): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early language (talking and understanding): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early social development (eye contact, play, friends): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early learning (e.g. colors, shapes, drawing): \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe any current health problems: \_\_\_\_\_
- List any current medications: \_\_\_\_\_
- When was your child's hearing last tested and what were the results? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was his/her vision last tested and what were the results? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please check any areas in which your child has had difficulties:  
 fine coordination       severe illnesses or       ear infections       eating  
 balance                       injuries                       allergies                       swallowing
- Has your child been formally diagnosed with any of the following (by a Medical practitioner, Psychologist or other Professional): \_\_\_\_\_

- |  |                      |                                   |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ Attention deficit disorder               | ___ Autism           | ___ Oppositional defiant disorder |
| ___ Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder | ___ Asperger's Synd. | ___ Dyslexia                      |
| ___ Learning disability                      | ___ Anxiety disorder | ___ Speech or language disorder   |

14. Does anyone in the family have problems **similar to, or the same as**, your child: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- Your child's school: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_
- Did your child repeat any grades? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is your child receiving any extra help in school or in any special classes? Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- What level best describes your child's general academic progress (Please circle):  
 Well above Average    Above Average    Average    Below Average    Well Below Average
- Do you believe your child is performing up to his/her potential in school?  No     Yes.     Unsure
- What are your child's strengths and/or best subjects? \_\_\_\_\_
- Please check if there are difficulties in any of the following areas for your child:  
 \_\_\_ reading    \_\_\_ handwriting    \_\_\_ behavior or motivation    \_\_\_ social skills  
 \_\_\_ spelling    \_\_\_ copying from the board    \_\_\_ following directions    \_\_\_ expressing himself  
 \_\_\_ math    \_\_\_ attention span    \_\_\_ written expression    \_\_\_ Clearly
- Have you ever received special education services or accommodations? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe your child's attitude towards school: \_\_\_\_\_

#### BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT

- Describe your child's personality: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe your child's strengths: \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you discipline your child? \_\_\_\_\_
- How effective are your discipline methods? \_\_\_\_\_
- What frustrates your child most? \_\_\_\_\_
- How does your child get along with peers, siblings, or adults? \_\_\_\_\_
- Check the following characteristics that describe your child:  
 \_\_\_ cooperative    \_\_\_ willing to try new activities    \_\_\_ easily frustrated    \_\_\_ destructive/aggressive  
 \_\_\_ attentive    \_\_\_ separation difficulties    \_\_\_ impulsive    \_\_\_ withdrawn  
 \_\_\_ stubborn    \_\_\_ plays alone for reasonable    \_\_\_ poor eye contact    \_\_\_ inappropriate behavior  
 \_\_\_ restless    \_\_\_ Length of time    \_\_\_ easily distracted    \_\_\_ self-abusive behavior  
 \_\_\_ lonely    \_\_\_ intelligent    \_\_\_ acts young for age    \_\_\_ independent  
 \_\_\_ loving    \_\_\_ considerate    \_\_\_ secure    \_\_\_ energetic

#### CURRENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING

- How does your child primarily communicate:  
 \_\_\_ body language    \_\_\_ words (Mama, doggy, up)    \_\_\_ sentences longer than 4 words  
 \_\_\_ sounds (vowels, grunting)    \_\_\_ 2-4 word sentences    \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimate what percentage of the time your child's speech is understood by:  
 \_\_\_ Mother    \_\_\_ Brothers/sisters    \_\_\_ teachers  
 \_\_\_ Father    \_\_\_ Playmates    \_\_\_ strangers

In order to help the Speech-Language Pathologist get a complete profile of your child's strengths and weaknesses, please check any of the following areas that you think may apply:

- Auditory processing:**  
 \_\_\_ does not listen carefully to instructions    \_\_\_ noise makes it hard to follow instructions  
 \_\_\_ sometimes misunderstands what is said    \_\_\_ says "huh?" or "what?" in response to questions  
 \_\_\_ needs extra time to respond to questions    \_\_\_ does not respond to name when called
- Listening:**  
 \_\_\_ has trouble paying attention    \_\_\_ has trouble understanding the meaning of words  
 \_\_\_ has trouble following spoken directions    \_\_\_ has trouble understanding new ideas

\_\_\_ has trouble understanding what people say  
\_\_\_ has to ask people to repeat what they said

\_\_\_ has trouble looking at people when talking or listening

**5. Speaking:**

\_\_\_ has trouble answering questions  
\_\_\_ has trouble asking for help when needed  
\_\_\_ has trouble describing things to people  
\_\_\_ has trouble telling things in the right order  
\_\_\_ has trouble using complete sentences  
\_\_\_ gets upset when people don't understand

\_\_\_ has trouble asking questions  
\_\_\_ has trouble expressing thoughts  
\_\_\_ has trouble getting to the point when talking  
\_\_\_ has limited vocabulary, compared with age peers  
\_\_\_ has trouble having a conversation  
\_\_\_ has trouble saying something another way

**6. Social communication:**

\_\_\_ decreased eye contact when interacting  
\_\_\_ frequent conflicts with peers

\_\_\_ has little interest in social interactions with age peers  
\_\_\_ has trouble staying on topic when talking

**7. Reading:**

\_\_\_ has trouble sounding out words when reading  
\_\_\_ has trouble understanding what is read  
\_\_\_ has trouble explaining what is read

\_\_\_ has trouble identifying the main idea  
\_\_\_ has trouble remembering details  
\_\_\_ has trouble following written directions

**8. Writing:**

\_\_\_ has trouble writing down thoughts  
\_\_\_ has poor grammar when writing  
\_\_\_ has trouble using complete sentences

\_\_\_ writes short choppy sentences  
\_\_\_ has trouble expanding an answer or providing details  
\_\_\_ has trouble using punctuation meaningfully

**9. Sensory sensitivities:**

\_\_\_ reacts emotionally to touch  
\_\_\_ avoids certain common tastes or food smells  
\_\_\_ doesn't seem to notice when face or hands are messy (e.g., with food, drool, mucous)

\_\_\_ picky eater, especially certain food textures  
\_\_\_ becomes anxious or distressed when feet leave the ground

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**REPORTS**

Do you want a copy of our report sent to your child's doctor?  No  Yes.

To what other professionals or agencies do you want a report sent? \_\_\_\_\_

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***Not required, but we would appreciate having a recent picture of your child for our records. If available, please attach here.***

Is there sensitive information that you would prefer not to talk about in front of your child?

If yes, we will discuss these issues while the child waits in another room. Please bring a book or something for him to do while he waits.

***Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.***

**Completed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_





**PARENT VERIFICATION OF IEP STATUS**

PATIENT NAME:: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform you that my child, \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Does have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Service Plan (IFSP),  
\_\_\_\_\_ attends school/preschool/daycare at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where he/she receives speech therapy or occupational therapy services.

\_\_\_\_\_ Does have a current IEP or IFSP, but it does not include speech, language, or occupational therapy services.

\_\_\_\_\_ Does not have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Service Plan (IFSP). Columbus Speech and Hearing Center is the only provider of speech, language or occupational therapy services for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

NOTE: IF YOU CHILD HAS A CURRENT IEP OR IFSP, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY AND RETURN TO COLUMBUS SPEEH & HEARING CENTER.