



SPEECH & COMMUNICATION

Goals

Independent, Capable Person

Healthy relationships
 Developed play skills
 Social problem solving/negotiation
 Clear articulation
 Verbal communicator
 Neutral oral resting posture
 Healthy oral muscle symmetry and development
 Successful regulation of emotions using language

Appropriate feeding utensils

Cups, straws and utensils that facilitate a stable jaw and the use of lips/tongue in a graded way

Environment

Relationships

Engagement, safety and connection
 Clear expectations
 Discipline that teaches
 Behavior is communication

Locations

Home, Education, Social relationships

Non-verbal communication

Use and understanding of gestures and facial expressions

Foundations

Vision and Auditory Systems

Auditory processing skills for sound discrimination and mapping
 Visual skills for looking toward sounds
 Noting non-verbals and referencing objects and people in the environment

Social-Emotional Development

Development of senses of safety, security, love and belonging within relationships

Oral-Motor Development

Stability in Jaw, lips, tongue

Respiratory System

Development of stable, coordinated suck, swallow breathe
 Using breath to coordinate with sound and oral-motor movements