



SpeechWise

Understanding Speech, Language, and Communication Needs

18+ Years

Watching your child adapt to life as an adult can be hard and even harder if they are struggling with talking and communication. Get in touch if you'd like advice from one of our therapists who have expertise in working with young adults.



What to expect	Signs to watch for	How you can help
• Can identify why they do not understand something and will ask for clarification • Can use argumentative and persuasive language • Can understand a variety of topics • Can use and understand sarcasm • Demonstrate a range of descriptive and expressive vocabulary when communicating • Can stay on the topic of conversation for a longer time • Can switch between communicating formally and informally	• Has difficulty sharing information in the right order • Has difficulty reading 'between the lines' and may take things quite literally • Has difficulty learning new words • Has difficulty taking turns in conversation • Has difficulty using the right level of formality with peers, family and professionals - may communicate with everyone in the same way	• Encourage them to ask for information to be repeated or explained in a different way (through visuals, pictures, objects, etc) • Respect their communication style - do not assume that silence or hesitancy means they are not capable • Encourage them to find ways to advocate for their needs • Talk with them about friendships, relationships and social situations to support social-emotional well-being

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