

The Clinical Connections Programs

SpeechKids is the therapeutic private practice of Crisler Lovendahl, M.A., CCC-SLP, and her associates. Therapists specialize in Sensory Integration and Related Disorders, including Oral Motor/Feeding/Apraxia therapy.

Play Partners is a team of trained and supervised paraprofessionals who foster social emotional development. Goals focus on achieving regulation and mutual engagement through a range of emotions, circles of communication, and expression of symbolic and emotional ideas. Sessions are conducted individually and in Friendship Groups.

North Shore Teen Center is a program for Teens and Tweens to practice independent social and leisure activities, workout routines, snack preparation and community skills, take classes and complete homework.

The Clinical Consortium is a professional collaboration located in Bannockburn which provides the opportunity for master therapists to treat and collaborate in a trans-disciplinary environment.

These innovative programs were designed by Cris Lovendahl and Kari Becker to create service options addressing play, communication, learning and independence in the clinic, home, classroom, and camp settings for ages 0-18.



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Integrating
clinic-based
therapy, home
programming
and school
instruction
through
effective
collaboration

THE CLASSROOM CONNECTION VISION

The Classroom Connection is a membership-based program offering a wide array of services to families of children with learning needs. Born out of a desire to integrate and balance the many aspects of a child's developmental and educational programming, the Classroom Connection strives to coordinate school instruction, clinic-based therapy and home programming. This coordination is provided through team collaboration, problem-solving and individualized, child-centered planning.

The Classroom Connection philosophy and curriculum dictate that educational programming addresses each child's needs across eight domains: personal-social, self-help, fine-motor, gross-motor, auditory comprehension, expressive language, cognitive/academic and cultural literacy. Each child's program is tailored to meet his/her needs through individualized goals and custom-made materials.

Services

- Educational Assessment
- Individual intervention with a Facilitator or Consultant
- Small group instruction including Classroom Buddies and Classroom Intensives
- Utilization of a variety of educational approaches including: TEACCH, Montessori, Waldorf, Reggio Emilia & Verbal Behavior
- Facilitation of a variety of educational and treatment programs including: Reading A-Z, Edmark, Wilson, Handwriting without Tears, Saxon Math, Touch Math, Teach Me Language
- A computer lab with support for the following programs: Fast Forward, Earobics, Intellitalk, Type to Learn, Simon SIO, Fast Math & Boardmaker/PECS
- Coordination and collaboration with private and educational team members
- School observations and reports
- IEP support including suggested goals, objectives and accommodations/modifications

Additional Opportunities

- Advocacy
- Free guest speaker nights with professionals sharing information on their area of expertise
- Resource library with information on diagnosis, intervention and methodologies
- An extensive children's library
- Family appointments available at no charge to work with your child using our materials and resources
- A make and take supply center where parents, educators, and therapists can make their own activities. You may also order materials for your home and school programs from our Project Designer.

