

Consent for Speech Screening

Dear PCA parent(s)/guardian(s),

A speech and language screening has been requested for your child. The screening is an overview of the development of language, articulation, connected speech, social/interpersonal, fluency and voice based on the child's chronological age. This brief assessment will take about 15-30 minutes and will happen on campus during a time that works best for both the teacher and speech language pathologist (SLP). There is no charge for the screening. The SLP will notify you if any further assessments/intervention is warranted.

Please sign and return this form to your child's teacher if you agree to the free speech and language screening.

Child's name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Parent's name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please explain any speech/language development concerns you may be having:

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Sincerely,

Christina Cahill- Longo, M.S., CCC-SLP

Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist

Orofacial Myologist

Consent for Speech Therapy

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

I want to thank you for your interest in speech and language therapy. I look forward to working with your child as we strive to meet his/her goals. Carefully review the following information. Your initials and signature are required in order to move forward with therapy.

Please return signed paperwork to Christina Longo at christina.longo@ilovepca.com.

1. All speech and language services will be tracked based on frequency of sessions that were recommended based on your child's specific needs. A comprehensive speech and language assessment is a fee of \$100, which will be billed to your FACTS account upon completion of the assessment. A fee of \$50 per 1/2 hour will be billed via your FACTS account once a month. You will not be billed for missed sessions. The speech therapist will attempt to make up any missed sessions during the school year, however, there is no guarantee missed sessions will be made up.

If you have any questions pertaining to billing, do not hesitate to contact the finance department at finance@ilovepca.com.

I understand the above statements pertaining to FACTS billing.

INITIAL HERE _____

2. Occasionally, staff members directly involved with your child (i.e., teachers, other therapists) and/or administration may need to be informed on your child's progress towards their current goals. These conversations will be brief and information will be given on a need to know basis. The involvement of staff members will help with monitoring progress and to establish educational/speech/language goals in the classroom. If you would prefer that no information is divulged, please contact me directly.

I understand the above statements and agree that the information may be shared as needed.

INITIAL HERE _____

I **do not** wish for information to be shared with teacher(s) and/or administration.

INITIAL HERE _____

3. Videos and/or photos may be taken of your child to provide updates to you via text and/or email. Photos may be used occasionally on social media for speech therapy and/or PCA's social platforms.

I understand and agree that videos and/or photos may be used in communication and/or social platforms.

INITIAL HERE _____

I **do not** wish to have videos and/or photos used for communication and/or social platforms.

INITIAL HERE _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ give consent to Christina Cahill- Longo, M.S., CCC-SLP, pediatric speech-language pathologist for Potential Christian Academy to treat and perform speech-language therapy for my child. Furthermore, my signature notes my agreement with the above mentioned parameters of speech-language intervention.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions: Speech Therapy at PCA

1. What is speech therapy?

Speech therapy is a service that helps children develop and improve their speech, language, and communication skills. It can address issues such as articulation, fluency, voice, and receptive or expressive language disorders.

2. How do I know if my child needs speech therapy?

If your child is struggling with speech clarity, understanding or using language, social communication, or if their teacher has noticed any concerns, it may be beneficial to seek an evaluation from a speech-language pathologist (SLP). If you are unsure if your child needs speech therapy, a free screening may be requested to briefly assess speech and language developmental milestones and to determine if further evaluation is needed.

3. How is speech therapy provided at PCA?

Speech therapy sessions are conducted on-site during school hours. Our licensed speech-language pathologist works one-on-one or in small groups (no more than two students) to target their specific needs. Sessions typically take place during specials to reduce missed academic class time.

4. Is speech therapy included in tuition, or is there an additional cost?

Speech therapy is offered as an additional service and is privately paid. It is not included in the standard school tuition. Fees for therapy sessions are billed directly to your FACTS account.

5. What are the costs associated with speech therapy?

A comprehensive evaluation is \$100 which is billed upon completion of the evaluation.

Therapy services are \$50 per 1/2 hour.

6. How do we pay for speech therapy?

Speech therapy services are billed monthly via your FACTS account per the number of sessions your child was seen. We do not accept insurance at this time. We highly encourage you to look into the Step Up/Family Empowerment Scholarship to assist with the funding of tuition (<https://www.stepupforstudents.org>). If your child is under the age of 3, we recommend contacting Early Steps for the possibility of free therapy services (www.floridaearlysteps.com).

7. How long will my child need speech therapy?

The duration of therapy depends on the individual needs of your child. Some children may require short-term intervention, while others may benefit from ongoing support. Progress is monitored regularly to adjust the treatment plan as needed.

8. How do I schedule an evaluation or begin services?

You can schedule an initial evaluation by contacting Christina Longo, christina.longo@ilovepca.com. After the evaluation, we will discuss the findings and recommend a therapy plan if appropriate.

9. What happens if my child misses a session?

We understand that occasional absences are unavoidable. Please notify Christina Longo as soon as possible if your child will miss a session, and she will attempt to reschedule.

10. How will I be notified of my child's progress in speech therapy?

The speech therapist will contact you quarterly to discuss your child's progress either via text, phone call, or email.

Meet The Speech-Language Pathologist

Christina Cahill-Longo, M.S., CCC-SLP



I'm a passionate nationally and ASHA certified pediatric speech-language pathologist and orofacial myologist with 14 years of dedicated experience. I am also proficient in American Sign Language. As a proud graduate of Nova Southeastern University, I have experience in acute medical, private school and private practice settings. I have been part of the PCA family for 7 years.

My philosophy centers on motivation and inspiration, believing that every client is incredibly made and capable of overcoming challenges. Having navigated the intricate paths of early intervention and therapy in my own life, I bring a unique blend of professional expertise and empathetic understanding to my practice.

I provide comprehensive therapy services that cater to the pediatric population and their families, helping to unlock the power of speech, language, and myofunctional wellness.

When I am not busy at work, I enjoy traveling and game nights with my amazing husband and three wonderful children.