
SANTA ROSA CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE AND LEARNING CENTER

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ADMISSION GUIDELINES

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is part of a worldwide fraternity of men devoted to fellowship, high ideals, community services and charitable works. The Santa Rosa Scottish Rite Children's Language and Learning Center is supported by contributions from Scottish Rite members, their families, friends and associates. Donations are gratefully accepted and qualify as taxable deductions from California and United States income taxes. Children receive therapy at the Scottish Rite Children's Language and Learning Center free of charge.

1. The Santa Rosa Scottish Rite Children's Language and Learning Center serves children between the ages of 3 and 18 years of age in the greater Santa Rosa area and outlying areas. These clients generally have a significant speech, language or literacy (reading and spelling) disorder. In order to qualify for services, children must fall within average to above-average intelligence, exhibit typical age-appropriate social behavior, and must be able to make significant progress toward their speech and language goals as determined by the clinicians and the Executive Director. Our Center is able to evaluate and treat children who **speak** and **understand English**. In keeping with statewide California Scottish Rite Foundation Clinic Guidelines, we are unable to provide services for children who have a diagnosis of:

- low cognitive ability
- attention problems
- emotional/behavioral problems
- autism or pervasive developmental disorders
- hearing or vision impairment
- other conditions that would preclude children from making significant progress toward speech and language goals. These decisions are made on a case by case basis and are final. We may request additional testing to confirm a diagnosis.

2. If a child receives a diagnosis of any of the previously listed diagnoses after enrollment at the Scottish Rite Center, therapy will be discontinued.

3. Children with behavior issues that compromise the effectiveness of therapy will not be accepted for therapy (or will be discontinued) until such behaviors are modified. Therapy will begin (or resume) at the discretion of the clinician and the Executive Director.

4. Children will be admitted for therapy in three month increments for up to 18 months at the discretion of the clinician and the Executive Director. This means that at the end of every three month period of time, the clinician and the Executive director will review progress and adherence to center policies to determine if the child is eligible for continued services.

5. Regular and prompt attendance is essential for a child to receive maximum benefit from therapy. Chronic and excessive tardiness will result in dismissal from therapy. If a child is to be absent from a session, the parent must call the Center office 24 hours **in advance**. The **only** exception is in the case of a child who becomes ill suddenly. Please do not bring sick children to the Center; they will be sent home. Missed sessions are not made up. Sessions missed without the 24 hours notice are considered a "no show." When 3 "no shows" are accrued, the child will be dropped from therapy.

6. Clinicians at the Santa Rosa Scottish Rite Children's Language and Learning Center are independent contractors. As such, they set their own schedules, determine their caseload size, and develop appropriate therapies. Availability of therapy can be affected by their chosen work schedules.