

More Information on Auditory Processing Disorder Evaluations:

Parents of a child suspected of an Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) - or who need to schedule an assessment - will benefit from the following information:

The first step for APD evaluations is to conduct a brief phone screening to answer questions about the child. After discussing the child's current issues and symptoms, a recommended course of action will be provided.

Two possibilities are available:

- 1.) The child will complete the auditory/language processing assessments, or
- 2.) The child will complete an alternative assessment that may provide better information, if the APD test is not determined to be the best way to answer questions and concerns that are raised.

We have two assessment procedures for auditory/language processing:

1. Language Processing Evaluation with a speech-language pathologist (SLP).
 - a. This assessment is required first, if:
 - i. Your child has not had a recent language evaluation by a SLP in the past year.
 - ii. Your child has another diagnosis such as: hearing impairment, Autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairment, brain injury, severe depression/anxiety, etc.
 - b. This assessment is required first because many children with symptoms that may seem to indicate auditory processing disorders are in reality language processing disorders. In addition, some children may not be able to tolerate the auditory testing or be appropriate for auditory testing based on another diagnosis.
 - c. After this assessment, the SLP will discuss the results and recommendations and a report will be provided. Further auditory processing testing with an audiologist may be recommended, if warranted.
 - d. This evaluation is conducted at our Callier Center Dallas location
2. Auditory/Language Processing Evaluation with a speech-language pathologist and an audiologist.
 - a. Before the assessment, some paperwork will need to be filled out and sent back prior to scheduling an appointment. Once the SLP receives your paperwork, it will be reviewed and you will be contacted regarding scheduling an appointment.
 - b. This team assessment involves evaluation of both higher level language processing skills and auditory processing skills.
 - c. After this assessment, the SLP and audiologist will discuss the results and recommendations. A report will be provided as soon as it is completed.
 - d. This evaluation is conducted at our Callier Center Richardson location.

Depending on the evaluation that is most appropriate, there may be a waiting period.

Appointments are scheduled as soon as an available day and time opens. Requests may be made for the receptionist to call when cancellations occur. Clinicians have set times on their schedules for these evaluations.

To complete the brief telephone screening, please call Suzanne Bonifert, Head of Speech-Language Pathology, at 214-905-3129.