Helping people communicate and connect with one another is what we’re all about at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders at The University of Texas at Dallas.

We focus on abilities, not disabilities. We believe that anyone with a speech, language or hearing disorder can enjoy a positive and productive life at home, at work and at play.

Since 1963, we have been an important regional and national resource for children and adults with speech, language and hearing disorders. From providing pre-and post-surgical evaluations for children with cochlear implants, to offering speech and language therapy for patients of all ages, we offer quality care in a compassionate, family-centered environment.

While our highly trained clinicians provide a unique and individualized plan of care for all

In 2007, Jordan was a healthy, active 21-month-old little boy who enjoyed going to Kindermusik classes and playing with toys. Without warning, he became very sick and subsequently lost his ability to hear. Cochlear implants and the Callier Center speech therapy program have given Jordan a second chance to connect with the hearing world.

“Everyone at the Callier Center has been very supportive and willing to answer all our questions. It has been so great because they have celebrated Jordan’s success right along with us.”
- Michelle C., parent

Under the supervision of a licensed audiologist, fourth year audiology students like Rachel Wood evaluate hearing and treat hearing disorders for patients of all ages. The graduate students also work closely with faculty mentors on developing and conducting research.

“Choosing to attend UT Dallas for my graduate degree was an easy decision. After I visited the Callier Center and spoke with the faculty and audiology graduate students, I knew UT Dallas was the place with the best opportunities for hands-on learning.”
- Rachel Wood, doctor of audiology student
patients, our outstanding faculty conduct research into the causes, prevention, assessment and treatment of communication disorders.

But that’s not all. We have the largest graduate training program in communication disorders in the country. Our nationally ranked graduate programs in audiology and speech-language pathology attract the best and brightest students to UT Dallas and the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. Both programs are ranked in the top five percent nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*.

In addition, our nationally accredited child development program serves children from birth through five years of age.

Visit us in person or online to learn more about the programs offered at the Callier Center.

Dr. Emily Tobey’s research focuses on how various types of sensory aids, including cochlear implants, influence the development and maintenance of speech and language in children and adults with profound hearing loss. She is committed to sharing her passion for this work by routinely populating her lab with undergraduate students and other young researchers.

“Within four years an infant goes from basically knowing nothing, to a vocabulary of more than 10,000 words. If you stop and think about it, it is the explosion of anatomy and physiology and language development in young children that’s almost miraculous.”
- Dr. Emily Tobey, Professor and Nelle C. Johnston Chair

In the Callier Child Development Program, parents, teachers and administrators work together to provide a warm, accepting environment that is rich in learning activities and experiences. Teachers value each child as unique, and facilitate growth toward independence, self-esteem and concern for others.

“I cannot imagine a more positive experience than the one we have had in the Callier preschool and kindergarten. Together, we have provided my child with a strong and positive foundation for learning that will go with her all through her life.”
- Melissa B., parent
Autism
For more than 30 years, the Callier Center has provided group and individual therapy for patients and families touched by autism.

According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, three out of 1,000 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in the United States each year, and many more exhibit some symptoms or are suspected of having the disorder. Early intervention is the key to managing ASD.

Our clinical staff and faculty experts are nationally recognized and work closely with children and families to develop and strengthen their communication skills. Our innovative programming reflects the most current knowledge of ASD, and is tailored to fit the individual needs of each child or adult.

Speech and Language
Our speech-language pathologists provide in-depth, comprehensive evaluations to accurately describe and diagnose various communication disorders, as well as provide appropriate recommendations and referrals.

We offer specialized individual and group therapy services for children of all ages with speech, language and feeding disorders. Therapy activities center on functional, related activities to improve skills, as well as incorporate parent and caregiver training.

We also work with adults to provide intensive, one-on-one therapeutic intervention. Our clinicians develop an individualized therapy plan with short- and long-term goals addressing the areas of need. Group programs are also available for adults.
Hearing
The sense of hearing brings meaning and wonder to the world around us. That is why we are dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with hearing loss.

Our licensed and certified audiologists perform comprehensive evaluations, including diagnoses and recommendations for individuals of all ages.

Depending on the needs of our patients with permanent hearing loss, we dispense and fit advanced hearing instruments, including hearing aids.

We also offer an on-site Assistive Device Clinic that demonstrates and provides assistive technology, including amplified telephones, personal communicators, television listening systems, and signaling devices for those with hearing impairment.

Cochlear Implant
Our cochlear implant program specializes in making it possible for children who are deaf to enter a hearing world.

Callier’s staff is extensively trained and very knowledgeable in evaluating and following patients with treatment after their surgical implants.

We are a partner of the Dallas Cochlear Implant Program, which is a joint enterprise among UT Dallas, UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children’s Medical Center Dallas.
Speech-language pathology and audiology are professions consistently rated among the best careers for the changing job landscape.

Research and clinical education at the Callier Center is an integral part of the academic experience provided to students interested in serving populations with communication impairments.

These nationally ranked academic programs, part of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at UT Dallas, prepare students to fill the need for qualified professionals in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology.

We boast internationally recognized researchers whose work is focused on one goal: helping every person communicate and connect with others.

A variety of research laboratories focusing on communication sciences and disorders are housed at the Callier Center.

These state-of-the-art laboratories focus on research in:

- Child language development and disorders
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Speech production
- Hearing disorders
- Neurogenic speech and language disorders
- Amplification of hearing aids
- Cochlear implants
- Aural habilitation

We also provide exciting opportunities for UT Dallas students to become involved in Callier Center research.
The Callier Center cares, and so do many of our generous donors.

For adults, a hearing loss or speech disorder can make life difficult. For children, it can be devastating.

Thanks to our donors, we can help both children and adults master one of the most basic skills needed in life: the ability to communicate.

We hope you will consider partnering with us in eliminating hearing, speech and language disorders.

To learn more about giving to the Callier Center, visit us online at utdallas.edu/calliercenter/giving.

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Our nationally accredited Callier Child Development Program provides an active, nurturing, learning environment for infants through kindergartena-ge children. The program is a partnership between UT Dallas and UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Experiences are provided in a stimulating, creative atmosphere where curiosity, exploration and discovery are facilitated by a supportive staff-to-child ratio that is based on optimal guidelines for each age group.

For children who are deaf or hard of hearing, we provide educational programs in collaboration with the Dallas Independent School District’s Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD). Enrollment in these programs is through the Dallas RDSPD and follows the federal and state guidelines of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004.
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