

APD Services

- In-person and phone consultations
- Audiological evaluation
- Speech, language and listening evaluation
- Intervention and therapy
- Parent counseling
- Educational consultation
- Listening groups

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Signs of Auditory Processing Disorder

Auditory processing disorder (APD) is a condition characterized by difficulty listening and understanding speech *even though no measureable hearing loss exists*. Many children with APD struggle to process spoken language, causing frequent breakdowns in communication.

Signs that a child might have APD:

- Has difficulty following instructions
- Finds it hard to listen in noisy environments
- Constantly says “what” or “huh?”
- Seems distracted or inattentive
- Mishears words
- Struggles to find words

These challenges can affect how your child interacts with friends, family and teachers. Auditory processing disorder can also result in language difficulties including:

- Difficulty telling a story in sequence
- Effortful reading and writing
- Trouble with grammar and sentence formation

The **good news** is that most children with APD who receive appropriate diagnosis and treatment become much more effective listeners. They gain confidence and succeed in the classroom.

Resource for Children with APD

The Center for Hearing and Communication (CHC) provides services for children and families living with APD. Set in New York City, this center-based facility uses the most current research-based methods in the diagnosis and treatment of APD.

CHC houses both speech-language pathologists and audiologists to provide a fully integrated and dynamic approach to APD care.

Children referred to CHC for APD testing receive a comprehensive evaluation by an audiologist and a speech-language pathologist, including a speech-language and functional listening evaluation and an APD test (ages 7+ only). Results form the basis of a differential diagnosis and guide recommendations for treatment.

If you suspect your child might have APD, contact CHC’s Zara DeLuca, PhD, CCC-SLP/TSSLD at (917) 305-7837 or zdeluca@chchearing.org. Dr. DeLuca is a speech-language pathologist specializing in evidence-based therapies for children with APD.



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