### What is DLD?

Developmental Language Disorder or DLD is a difference in brain development that affects a person's ability to understand others and to communicate their ideas in conversation. DLD tends to be hidden, sometimes misdiagnosed as negative behavior or inattention.

## What is Developmental Language Disorder?

- DLD is hidden, but often affects 1 out of 14 students in a classroom.
- DLD can affect communication throughout the lifespan.
- DLD can impact social relationships and emotional well-being.
- DLD is associated with risks for literacy and/or learning disorders.
- DLD has no known cause, but it may run in families.



Services for Developmental Language Disorder at the USLHC

• Diagnostic evaluations and individual therapy services are offered at the University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic (USLHC) at the University of Houston main campus.

• All services are provided by graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders under the supervision of a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist.





## Possible Signs Of DLD

People with DLD might...

- have difficulty remembering the words they want to say.
- retell stories without a clear beginning, middle, and end.
- add fewer details when giving an explanation.
- find it hard to understand jokes and figurative language.
- have difficulty with reading and writing tasks.

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#### **Registration Required**

Call 713-743-0915 to register or email Michele Ozgen at <u>uslhc@uh.edu</u>.

#### Fees

Sliding scale based on income

#### Schedule

Varies – Approximately 12 weeks in the fall and spring semesters

#### Who is Eligible?

Children and adults with concerns regarding their oral (speaking & listening) and written language (reading & writing).

#### Location

The University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic — Main UH Campus

Equitable Treatment Services at the USLHC are available to all people, regardless of gender expression and identity, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, religious beliefs, and socioeconomic status.

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The University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in the Melcher Life Sciences building next to the Fertitta Center.



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### SERVICES OFFERED AT THE USLHC

#### Child Speech & Language

- Pre-K Language Learning Group
- Language Development
- Speech Sounds
- Literacy
- Apraxia
- Fluency
- Autism
- Social Skills

#### Adult Speech, Language, & Cognition

- Aphasia
- Post Stroke Communication Group
- Parkinson's Voice Project
- Transgender Voice
- Fluency
- American English Accent Training

#### **Hearing Services**

Audiological Evaluations



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## DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER THERAPY

