



Parent/Client Contract

Thank you for selecting **Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy** as your provider for speech therapy services. This contract identifies the expectations and duties of the speech-language pathologist, client, and/or client’s parties.

Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy and _____ hereby agree to the terms set forth below: *(client or guardian name)*

Notification of Legal and Privacy Policies

Speech Therapy services are provided at the office location at 2100 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie OR 97222 by Svetlana Gelman, M.A., CCC-SLP, an Oregon licensed and ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist.

Evaluation reports, progress reports, therapy goals and therapy plans will be sent to outside sources for the purpose of continuity of care and normal billing practices (i.e- doctor's offices, insurance providers) in a secure manner, if applicable.

Written approval will be obtained to share private information with other outside sources or professionals as necessary during the course of treatment that fall outside the scope of normal business. An Authorization of Release of Information will be required.

Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy is required by law to keep your health information safe. This information may include:

- notes from your doctor, teacher, or other health care provider
- your medical history
- your test results
- treatment notes
- insurance information

We are required by law to give you a copy of our privacy notice. This notice tells you how your health information may be used and shared. It also tells you how you can look at and comment on your information.

By signing this page, you are saying that you have been given a copy of our privacy notice.

Print Client’s Name

Date

Client or Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Patient

_____ *(client initials) I understand and agree to the legal and privacy policies outlined above.*

Authorization for Treatment

When providing speech language pathology services, health care laws require us to obtain authorization from the patient or parent/guardian to provide services. This authorization is your agreement to allow Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy and its employees to render care within our scope of practice.

I agree to allow Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy to provide speech-language pathology services for myself or my child/person in my care. In addition:

- I agree to attend scheduled therapy sessions (see attendance policy).
- I agree to participate in treatment, as appropriate.
- I understand that there may be work assigned for home practice. I agree to engage with home practice to help with treatment goals.

Print Client's/Child's Name

Print Parent/Guardian's Name &
Relationship to Client

Client/Guardian's Signature

Date

Sessions

An initial evaluation can be provided at the request of the client/client's parents; however, we are not required to conduct our own independent evaluation to establish a treatment plan in order to bill for our services.

- Parents can provide their child's school, hospital, and/or previous private practice evaluation report as a means of generating speech goals, if available.
- If the evaluation report is dated one or more years ago, the speech-language pathologist may recommend reevaluation to obtain an updated account of the client's ability level.
- **An updated evaluation is needed to establish goals and provide therapy.**

Speech Therapy services will be provided based on goals agreed upon by both parties in order to best serve your child. Goals can be established through one or more of the following means: administered evaluations/reports; outside evaluations/reports; observations; and parent requests.

In order to ensure the safety of your child during his/her therapy session, it is important that an adult be present during the session. Parents are welcome to observe therapy sessions or to be active participants in therapy as is deemed most appropriate.

Session structure:

- sessions are 45 minutes in length.
- first 5 minutes used to review homework and generally check in with family and child;
- work on goals directly, with family member(s) participating or observing;
- last 5-10 minutes used for clean-up/transition and to review skills/strategies the family should work on with the child until the next session.
- Suggestions for carryover activities for families will be provided at the time of the session, or electronically at a later time.
- **Parent involvement in sessions and between sessions is crucial for the child's progress, as children spend most of their time with their parents, not with their therapists.**

Progress reporting

Goals for speech therapy will be formed based on initial evaluation results, which includes parent input.

As treatment begins, a Plan of Care will be provided to client/parent/guardian as applicable. A POC will include some information about current skills, as well as goals for therapy.

Approximately every 3 months or after 10-12 sessions, a progress report will be provided with information about the child's goals, progress toward those goals, and recommendations for next steps.

_____ *(client initials) I understand and agree to session and progress reporting policies outlined above.*

Payment Policies

Usual and Customary Rates:

Our practice is committed to providing the best treatment for our clients and we charge what is usual and customary for our area and for our services. You are responsible for payment regardless of any insurance company's arbitrary determination of usual and customary rates

Insurance

TPL Speech accepts insurance. Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. TPL Speech is not responsible and cannot affect how your insurance carrier processes claims or what the patient portion of the bill is. You will be responsible for un-covered charges processed through your carrier that are not contractual write-offs. Please inquire about the insurance we accept as this list changes. Please make all co-payments at the time of service and payable to **Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy.**

Accepted Methods of Payment:

- Cash: Exact change required.
- Personal Check: Please make payable to **Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy.**
 - Returned check fee: \$35.
- Credit/Debit Cards: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or your HSA/FSA card

Private Pay

Full payment is due to Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy at the time of service. Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance company. Please be aware that some, and perhaps all, of the services provided by TPL Speech Therapy may be non-covered services and not considered reasonable, customary and/or medically necessary under your medical insurance plan. You may seek reimbursement for these services directly from your insurance company. If you are unsure about the process for filing a claim, we recommend that you call the customer service number on the back of your insurance ID card.

Speech-language services provided by Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy will be considered out-of-network by your insurance company. We will provide you with all information requested from the insurance company, including diagnosis codes and treatment plans. **We are not responsible for any charges your insurance company considers to be in excess of reasonable or customary fees as well as those considered medically unnecessary.**

By the execution hereof, the undersigned acknowledges his/her/their responsibility to pay any amounts not paid or reimbursed by insurance other than contractual write-offs. The undersigned specifically accepts all financial responsibility for all services provided to the herein named client by Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy and understands that regardless of what the insurance company agrees to pay, the undersigned will be responsible for the balance. Said balance will be paid without regard to the status of processing by the insurance carrier.

Billing

Sessions are billed monthly for the upcoming month. For example, if your child will be seen once per week for 45 minutes, the monthly (four week) bill will include 4 sessions of therapy. Some months your child will be seen for 5 weeks, and you will be billed accordingly. Your monthly bill should be paid **no later than the 1st of the month or before the first session in the month.** If your payment is not received before the first session in the month, services will cease until payment is received.

Other Billed services: TPL Speech offers additional services, including screenings, evaluation, and attending parent-teacher conferences or other team meetings for your child. These services will be billed in addition to the therapy session charges at the hourly rate or as stated in Fee Schedule below.

Past Due Accounts: Please make timely payments to your account to ensure continuation of services for your child. In the event that an account becomes past due (i.e., not paid by the first session of the month), your child's speech-language services will cease until payment is received.

_____ (client signature) I understand and agree to the payment policy outlined above and consent to the billing of my insurance for services rendered.

Fee Schedule (Cost for Services)

<u>Service</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<i>Evaluation Services</i>	
Stuttering/Fluency Evaluation (92521) - Includes consultation with parent and file review, 30-45 minutes of direct contact, approximately 1-1.5 hours of analysis and interpretation and includes a thorough report.	\$250
Articulation/Phonology Evaluation (92522) - Includes consultation with parent and file review, 30-45 minutes of direct contact, approximately 1-1.5 hours of analysis and interpretation and includes a thorough report.	\$250
Comprehensive Speech-Language Evaluation (92523) - Includes consultation with parent and file review, 1-2 hours of direct contact, possibly over 2 sessions, followed by approximately 2-3 hours of analysis and interpretation and includes a thorough report.	\$350
<i>* All testing can also be completed in Russian, with an English-language report provided.</i>	
<i>Therapy Services</i>	
Individual Speech Therapy Session (92507) – Sessions are 45 minutes in length. Pricing is inclusive of preparation time, resources/materials made for your child’s therapy, record keeping, home programming, quarterly progress reports, and consultation with other professionals to coordinate therapy.	\$110 *10% discount available for payments at or ahead of time of service.
<i>Other</i>	
Progress/team meetings outside of treatment time at the discretion of the Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy therapist. Billed in 15 min increments to include travel time from office to meeting location. (not billable to insurance) (Billed in 15 minute increments.)	\$110/hour
Travel time for progress/team meetings. (not billable to insurance) (Billed in 15 minute increments.)	\$80/hour

_____ (client initials) I understand and agree to the fee schedule outlined above. I also understand that the fee schedule may change at the discretion of the provider and that I will be given at least 30 days’ notice regarding any changes.

Attendance Policy:

Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy wants to provide the best possible services to all clients. We will do our best to schedule appointments that meet your needs. Regular attendance is important to you/your child's success. It is also important to mutually respect one another's time. We ask that you follow the attendance policies outlined below:

- **Cancellations/Missed appointments:**
 - Please call or text me at least 24 hours in advance to cancel/reschedule your appointment and we will schedule a make-up at a time convenient to both client and provider. I am often able to offer make-ups on Mondays.
 - If you do not give 24 hours' notice and miss your session, a make-up may not be available, and you will be charged a \$40 late cancellation fee. **This fee will not be billable to insurance and you will be responsible for payment.** We understand that sometimes emergencies happen. All clients will be allowed 1 (one) free cancellation in a 3-month treatment period.
 - If you cancel or do not attend two sessions in a row, services will be put on hold until scheduling problems can be resolved.
 - **If you need to take a break, your appointment slot will be held for you for up to 3 weeks.** After 3 weeks, the slot will be released and you will need to re-establish at a different time if it is no longer available.

- **Late for Appointments:** If you/your child arrive late to an appointment, the session will end at the regular time. Please call or text if you are running late. If you are 20 or more minutes late for your appointment, I reserve the right to cancel the appointment and consider it a missed appointment (see policy for missed appointments above).

- **Clinician Cancellations:** If I am not able to attend your appointment, you will be contacted as soon as possible. Please keep us updated with your most current contact information. Every effort will be made to reschedule your appointment in a timely manner.

- **Inclement Weather:** During the school year, I will generally follow along with North Clackamas recommendations. However, please check in with us by phone (call or text) regarding your specific appointment. For example, even if the roads are icy in the morning, if the forecast is for clear roads in the afternoon, your appointment may not need to be cancelled. **If the decision will be made to close the office for the day, you will receive a cancellation text that morning.**

- **Discontinuation of Services:** Please provide 14 days advance notice if you choose to discontinue services or you wish to put services on hold. If you are not able to provide adequate notice, you may be billed for sessions as a missed appointment.

- **Therapist Summer Vacation:** During the summer there will be up to three (3) weeks when no sessions will be scheduled, no make-ups will be offered, and you will not be charged any fees. Advanced warning will be given for this leave and alternative options will be given if available.

- To make changes to your appointment, please call or text (503) 852-1375

_____ (client initials) I understand and agree to the attendance policy outlined above.

Communication Policy:

- Call 503-852-1375 if you have any questions or concerns. Please leave a message if you would like a call back. The phone will be answered during office hours, or you will receive a call the next day if we are unable to do so.
- Text 503-852-1375 if you have any questions or concerns. Texts are preferred when you just have one quick question or need to make changes to your appointment. Texts will be returned during office hours. With your consent, you will also receive appointment reminders via text.

YES, I give consent for appointment reminders via text.

NO, I DO NOT give consent for appointment reminders via text.

- E-mail: lanag@tplspeech is a HIPAA compliance secure e-mail account and anything you e-mail will be protected. E-mail sent to you may be encrypted and password protected if it includes protected health information.

_____ (client initials) I understand and agree to the communication policy outlined above.

I read, understand, and agree to the policies outlined above. This is the agreement in its entirety, and no promises outside of the agreement made on or before the effective date will be binding upon the parties. My signature indicates that I consent to all rules policies and fees of Talk Play Learn Speech Therapy.

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