Where are Speech and Language Programs located?

There are eight Speech and Language Programs located in the following preschools across the metropolitan area:
- **Eastern Adelaide Region**: Bertram Hawker Kindergarten
- **Western Adelaide Region**: Glandore Kindergarten, West Lakes Kindergarten
- **Southern Adelaide Region**: Brentwood Drive Kindergarten, Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten
- **Northern Adelaide Region**: John Hartley School CPC, Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten, Valey View Kindergarten

Where can I get more information?

Contact the Manager, Regional Support Services for the preschool you wish to apply for:
- **Eastern Adelaide**: Ph: 8366 8800
- **Northern Adelaide**: Ph: 8256 8111
- **Southern Adelaide**: Ph: 8207 3700
- **Western Adelaide**: Ph: 8416 7333

Or contact your local Preschool Director.

Additional information can also be found on the DECS website: www.decs.sa.gov.au/speced/pages/specialneeds/intro/

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Does your child have delayed speech or language?

If your child is making slow progress even with regular speech pathology and:

> is 4 years of age or eligible for early entry to preschool
> is developing at the same rate as other children of the same age except for speech and language
> has hearing within normal limits as verified by a health service they may be eligible for referral to a DECS Speech and Language Program.

What are DECS Speech and Language Programs?

Speech and Language Programs:

> are located in preschools with a teacher and speech pathologists supporting up to 7 children
> provide individual and small group activities to teach talking and listening skills
> have a play based learning program
> help children develop social skills
> cater for individual needs.

How can my child access a Speech and Language Program?

> Children must be referred to a DECS Speech and Language Program by a Speech Pathologist.
> Your Speech Pathologist will give you more information about the referral process.
> Your child will also need to be enrolled at their local preschool.
> The Preschool Director will discuss your child’s particular needs.
> An intake panel, including a Preschool Director, will determine whether the Program meets your child’s needs.

Preschool Speech and Language Programs provide a high level of support for children who have severe speech and/or language impairments.