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Early Intervention Developmental Group Surrounded by the Warmth, Kindness, and Support of Experts



****Picture taken prior to COVID; February 2020**

Surrounded by warmth, kindness and the support of experts, the young children who are part of the Early Intervention Developmental Group at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center are working to make progress in all areas of development. The professional team includes a special education teacher, a speech language pathologist, an occupational therapist and a physical therapist who are supported by a classroom assistant. They work together to provide services for a small group (six children maximum) of 1 ½ to 3 year-old children who each have multiple areas of need. It is amazing to watch this group in action. Some of the children use tiny walkers, some use pictures or basic sign language to communicate, many use special cups and utensils at snack time. Often each child is sitting at circle time in a different kind of seat specially selected for their needs – seats with texture to for those who need sensory input, seats without back support to help with posture, small yoga balls to build core strength, or something else altogether.

"Each child has the ability to learn, it is our task to meet them at their current level and then figure out how to access and unlock their individual abilities," said Beth McLellan, Early Childhood Administrator. The Developmental group has been one of the core programs at RHSC for almost 8 years. We are one of the few providers who offer this program in Monroe County. There are many benefits to this special program. The Developmental Group provides an established routine that allows children to predict expectations and learn through repetition. It has a strong team that works together to support each child's individual development across disciplines. It gives families support and involvement through "home connects". Also, the Developmental Group participants take advantage of a well-equipped motor room with swings, a slide, climbing blocks, a trampoline, a scooter ramp, and a multitude of other items.

Over the years we have seen:

- Children who did not respond to language learn to follow simple directions.
- Children who did not know how to play or interact with others be able to take turns and engage appropriately with toys.
- Children who could not pay attention learn to participate in circle time activities.
- Children who had limited tolerance for different textures be able to play with playdough and finger paint.
- Children who had issues with touching different textures be able to play with playdough and finger paint.
- Children who came to us completely nonverbal leave us with the ability to verbalize their basic needs.
- Children learn to walk on their own who couldn't take a step when they arrived.
- We even got a call one day from a grandmother who was crying. She called to share that her granddaughter not only spoke and said what she wanted, but she also said please!

This work is slow and sometimes very frustrating for the children and their parents, but when they make progress (and they always do) it is magical. It feels so good to be a part of it!

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Thank you to everyone who helped make our first **AI Sigi! WalkAbout Car Parade** a big success! From those who donated to those who participated in the parade, your partnership is appreciated. You helped us exceed our goal this year.

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Employee Spotlight

Kathleen Antinoro, MA CCC-SLP



Rochester Hearing and Speech Center has been lucky to have Katie Antinoro on our team for the past sixteen years providing speech therapy and evaluations to preschool age children. Through her expertise, warmth and compassion, Katie, our Manager of Committee on Preschool Special Education Evaluations, positively impacts the lives of young children and their families every day.

She leads our preschool evaluation team, conducts evaluations, and works closely with the school districts and families to ensure the children's needs are met. Katie also provides speech therapy to children in our preschool and early intervention programs.

Katie Antinoro and the RHSC evaluation team understand that having your child evaluated can often be the first step in improving the life of a child. She and her team help families identify the unique strengths, aptitudes and challenges of each child and improve their quality of life.

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Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

How Does RHSC Test For Auditory Processing Disorder?



Different tests of auditory processes are used to determine if a disorder exists, and to specify which type of auditory processes may be disordered. The tests are a variety of listening tasks, primarily repeating words and sentences in varying conditions, as well as ordering and labeling tonal patterns.

Click the "Learn More" button below to download our Q&A worksheet. If you believe you or a loved one needs to be tested for auditory processing disorder, please call or email to schedule an appointment. Ruling out hearing loss is the first step. Both children and adults can be tested for APD.

Contact RHSC to schedule an appointment:
Call (585) 271-0680 or email info@rhsc.org.

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Questions? Email Us at info@rhsc.org.

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#ROCtheDay is just one more way you can connect to your local community. Be a part of ROC the Day on December 1st, a 24-hour dash to donate to those who need it most. Give \$5, 55 or \$505.

Be a ROCstar and donate to Rochester Hearing and Speech Center. Thanks in advance for taking part in this year's event.

Click the button below to learn more about the ROC The Day event.

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