

**February 2015... Relationship Building**

Happy Anniversary to Speech Plus! The year 2015 marks our 20th anniversary. Speech Plus has been serving the south/southwest suburbs since 1995.

When we first opened, we had a staff of one (Renee!) and only offered speech-language evaluation and therapy services. Today, Speech Plus has a staff of 18 and offers a wide array of evidence-based, speech-language and educational services. Speech Plus is the only area clinic that specializes in communication and learning.

I attribute the growth of Speech Plus to our fabulous staff and their commitment to serving our children and their families.



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**Michelle Garcia Winner - SLP and Social Thinking Guru**

Watch Michelle Garcia Winner, creator of the Social Thinking curriculum, present "What is Social Thinking?"

**Social Thinking Groups****Why *Speech Plus*?**

***Speech Plus*** is the only area clinic that specializes in communication and learning while providing a fun, nurturing learning environment for your child.

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[www.speechplus.org](http://www.speechplus.org)

**We often hear**  
**"Oh, I didn't know you did that!"**

***Speech Plus***

offers a variety of services including:

- Speech-Language Evaluation and Therapy
- Reading/Dyslexia Evaluation and Therapy
- Chatterbugs - Therapy for children age 2-5
- Social Thinking Therapy
- Fast ForWord Family of Programs
- Success Plus! Executive Function Program
- Wilson Reading Program
- Individual Educational Therapy
- Handwriting Without Tears



For most of us, interacting with other people comes naturally. However, students with social cognitive difficulties often lack the innate ability to think through and succeed in everyday social situations. For them, social thinking must be learned and practiced. For more information on Social Thinking groups,

[click here.](#)

## Article on importance of friendship



The friendship bonds that children form with their peers can be among the most important and rewarding relationships of their lives and are vital to their development and success in a social world.

[...read more](#)

## Speech Plus is a BCBS PPO Provider



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Speech Plus is BCBS PPO provider for speech-language pathology services. Check with your plan to see if these services are covered under the terms of your policy.



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*We are the only clinic specializing in speech, language and learning. We serve children birth through high school!*

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