

Home Visits: What to Expect



Diverse Learners Speech Therapy Services

Our home visits are designed to be flexible and tailored to your family's unique needs. Depending on the purpose of the visit, your child's age, your family's individual circumstances, and the space available in your home, the structure of each session may vary.

(Please note: For home visits that require a round trip of more than 15 km from your clinician's home, a travel fee of \$0.61 per km will apply.)

For Children Ages 7 and Under

- **Play-Based Approach:**
Our sessions are interactive and rooted in play. Your clinician may bring a selection of toys or encourage the use of your child's own favorites.
 - **Child-Led Interaction:**
Emphasizing a natural, "child-led" style, the session is designed to follow your child's lead and may look like *just* play, but consists of rich, intentional, evidence-based strategies to build your child's communication skills.
 - **Comfortable Environment:**
Most activities take place on the floor, creating a relaxed space where your child feels free to explore and express themselves.
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For Children Aged 8 and Above

- **Flexible Set-Up:**
While some sessions might take place at a table, others may be arranged to suit your child's needs. The setting is always adaptable—never forced into a one-size-fits-all format.
 - **Structured Goals:**
When targeting speech and literacy skills, sessions can become a bit more structured and may involve more adult-directed guidance, all while still respecting your child's individuality.
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Our Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices

- **Movement & Freedom:**
We actively encourage movement, stimming, and regular breaks, allowing your child full access to move around as needed. If your child benefits from more physical activity, we can conduct parts of the session in larger spaces—such as a backyard—or use indoor equipment if available.
 - **No Reinforcers:**
Our approach is natural and does not rely on reinforcers, fostering an environment of authentic interaction and growth.
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Is a Home Visit Right for Your Family?

While home visits are a wonderful way to provide personalized therapy, the environment plays an important role. Before starting home services, please consider:

- **Space:**
Is there a clear, open area in your home, free from visually overwhelming clutter?
 - **Privacy & Quiet:**
Can your family provide a quiet, relatively private space for the session?
 - **Parental Involvement:**
For children under age 7, are you able to participate and engage without significant distractions?
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Important Note on Session Timing

Your scheduled session time includes setup, wrap-up, and time to answer your questions. Rest assured that your clinician will conclude the session and leave promptly at the end of the allotted time.
