

Early Language & Literacy for All (ELLA)





Project ELLA (Early Language and Literacy for All) includes FREE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY FOR ALL CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5 provided at the CHSC University Circle office.

Why is Project ELLA important?

Talking and listening skills are key to a child's successful communication and literacy development. These skills are critical for a child's readiness to start school. In fact, a child's talking and listening skills in the first 5 years of life can predict how successful they will be into adulthood. By removing financial barriers to speech, language and learning for all children birth to age 5, Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center launched Project ELLA as a way to ensure each child in Cleveland has every advantage for a bright future.

How to Enroll in ELLA – As easy as 1-2-3!

- The first step is a FREE speech and language evaluation. Call 216-231-8787 to request an appointment or visit www.chsc.org
- 2 Fill out 2 forms at the first session to gather client information
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- **Check-in assessment after 10 sessions**

In both individual and group therapy, the Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) will work with both the child and his or her caregivers. This way, caregivers are empowered to implement language building strategies at home, too!

For more information on Project ELLA, contact Daja' Newton at dnewton@chsc.org or call 216-325-7510 or visit www.chsc.org/ELLA

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