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Speech-Language Pathologists are communication professionals who are specialists trained to evaluate, develop and support successful communication for all people.

When working with children and adults with IDD, contact a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) when there are communication challenges, such as:

- An individual has limited or unsuccessful social interactions.
- It is difficult to understand an individual's verbal language or an individual is only able to communicate with people familiar with his/her way of talking.
- Communication is a barrier to any opportunity (e.g., community, social and/or employment).
- People feel they need to "interpret" for an individual or an individual relies on others to understand or communicate their needs, choices and ideas.
- An individual's current communication system restricts them from communicating and engaging successfully, across environments and conversation partners.
- Challenging behaviors occur possibly because of communication difficulties.
- An individual needs assistance in developing nonverbal communication skills through the use of gestures, pictures or communication devices.

To find a Speech-Language Pathologist who can evaluate an individual's communication skills and provide direct support for developing skills in communication, self-advocacy and independence, go to Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association (OSHA) www.oregonspeechandhearing.org