

Herman and Associates

Pediatric Specialists, Inc.



Providing Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy.

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About Us

Herman and Associates Pediatric Specialists, Inc. is a private practice providing services to individuals of all ages with communication and/or physical disorders. Our organization consists of licensed professionals from a variety of backgrounds who share a common philosophy of client-centered treatment when it comes to serving those who need to improve their ability to communicate.

At Herman and Associates, we look at the whole child and tailor our broad base of therapeutic services to his or her needs, rather than try to fit them into a prescribed model. People who have difficulty expressing their thoughts in spoken words or who are not able to absorb information accurately through listening and reading are almost certain to experience difficulties in their academic and social learning in school and in the community.

It is our goal to help those individuals to maximize their communication, physical and cognitive abilities through a variety of effective, meaningful, and innovative therapeutic techniques.



Speech and Language Therapy

The Speech/Language Pathologist provides comprehensive evaluation and treatment to improve speech and language for:

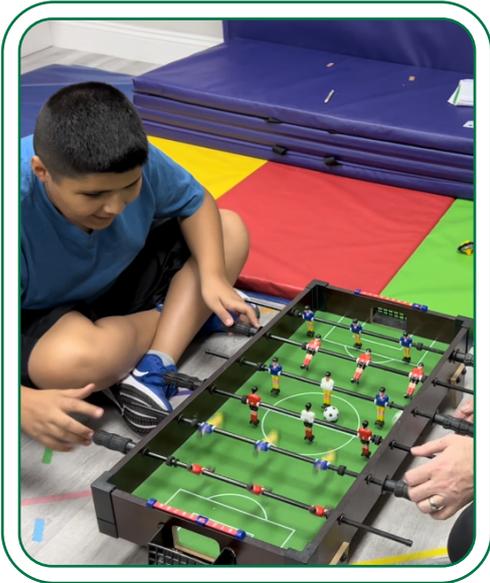
- Neurologically impaired
- Learning disabled
- Developmentally delayed
- Reduce/modify stuttering
- Facilitate lip/speech reading
- Improve swallowing difficulties, which may include changing diet texture, exercising weakened muscles, and learning new ways to swallow.
- Articulation disorders
- Voice disorders
- Hearing Impaired
- Autism
- Recommend augmentative communication systems when appropriate



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Occupational Therapy



The Occupational Therapist designs programs that:

- Facilitate normal development of fine, gross, and sensory motor skills
- Maximize independence in activities for daily living
- Improve joint range of motion
- Assist with adaptive equipment
- Improve and develop coordination
- Develop and Improve handwriting, playing and socializing
- Splinting

Adequate speech and language development is dependent upon well-developed fine motor, gross motor, and sensory skills. All systems work together as a team. That is why our philosophy is “to treat the whole child” and work together as a team with you and your child.

Physical Therapy

The Physical Therapist provides services to:

- Address gross motor development and gross motor delays
- Maximize functional ability
- Eliminate or decrease pain
- Increase strength, endurance and posture
- Maximize independent movement and gait
- Improve joint range of motion
- Facilitate normal movement patterns
- Increase balance and coordination skills
- Increase tissue mobility
- Recommend fit and adjust orthotics, splints and equipment to maximize function and limit impairment
- Provide education and home program in gross motor development and exercise



Special Needs



As a parent of a child with a disability or with special needs you are very aware of all the challenges you encounter when you try to get the best help you can for your child. Most families wish to do the best they can for their child, often against overwhelming odds.

Our staff is totally devoted to helping families and children with special needs. Most importantly we feel that children with disabilities are children first and children with disabilities second.

Our philosophy is to treat children as children and to work together with you (the parents) and all members of the team responsible for your child's future. Building rapport and developing a relationship of trust is crucial, regardless if you are working with a child with special needs or not.

Children with special needs are unique and resilient. One must be careful not to treat the symptom but to treat the disability. For example a child with ADHD and learning disabilities may develop emotional, social, and family problems. Each must be recognized and dealt with. Unless we treat the total child, in his / her total environment, neither the child nor the family will make as much improvement as is necessary to reach their maximum potential.

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Staff

Herman and Associates, directed by Jeffrey Herman, Ed. D, CCC-SLP, employs a staff of more than 40 therapists and support personnel. We are also supported by the service of graduate interns from 6 universities and the occupational therapy program at Advent Health University.

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We feel that the abilities to communicate and use language are the focal point of human existence and that language is the most complicated and important skill that a human can possess. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses and they are all different. The child who has difficulty coping in one area of life can adversely affect their entire world. This is especially true when there is a difficulty in the area of communication.

Speech Therapists

Jeffrey Herman Ed.D MA, CCC-SLP
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Adriana Victoria MA, CCC-SLP
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Tom Gibbons MA, CCC-SLP
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Suraiya Kermali MA – SLP
Katherine Paredes MA – SLP
Ashanty Campbell BA – SLPA
Melissa Banuelos MA, CCC-SLP
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Occupational Therapists

Clinical Director:

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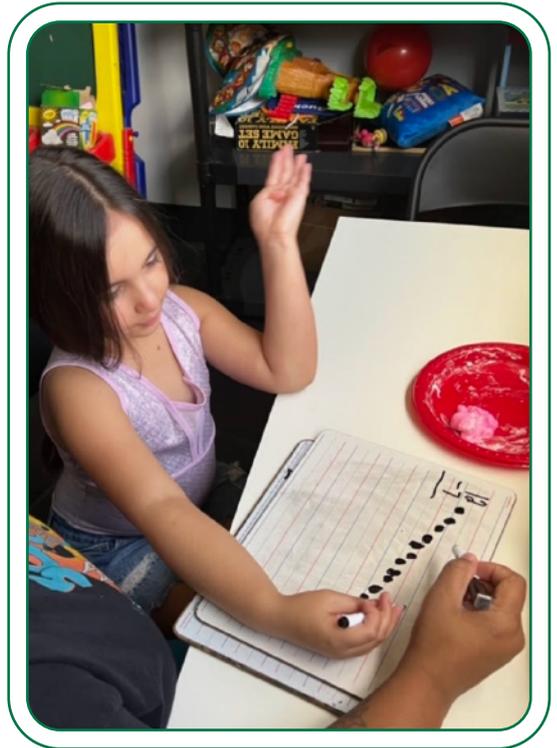
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Teletherapy

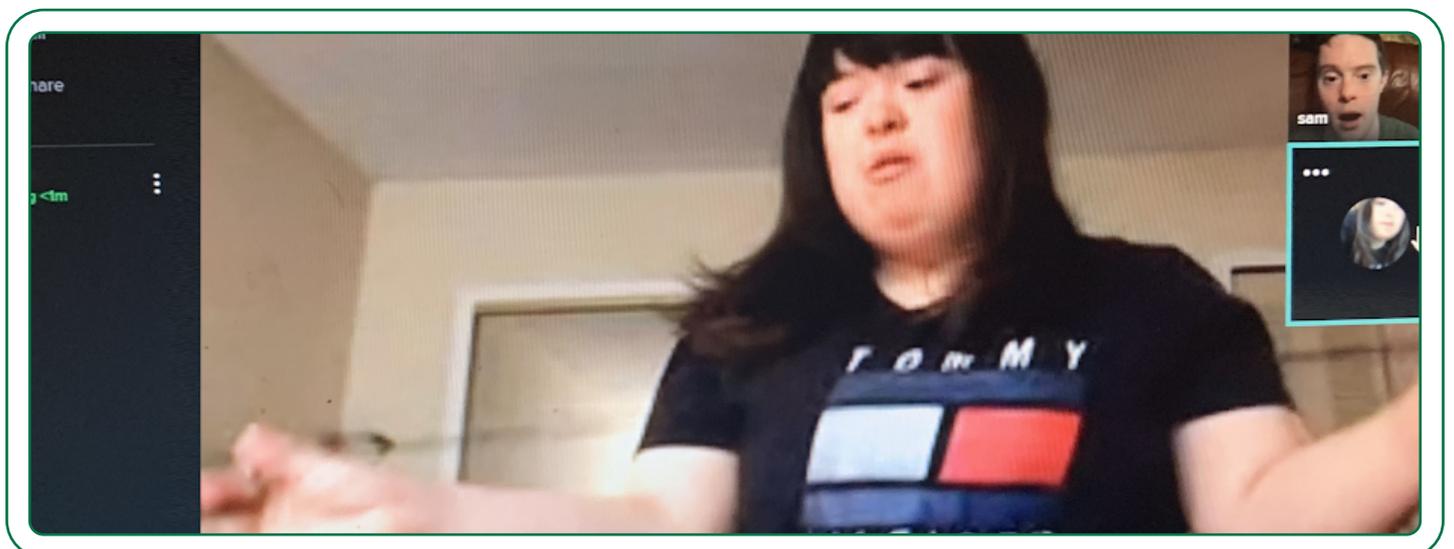
Online Therapy is a safe and convenient way to receive therapy services (Speech, Occupational, Physical) from home. Because teletherapy can be done from anywhere and at any time, your child's therapy can be received in a way that is more convenient for you. You will also save on drive time, and gas. An added benefit is that you do not have to venture out into a world that is unsafe at this time.

Online Therapy providers do the same job as clinic based and in-home therapists providing therapy services and administering assessments. Therapists can do evaluations and determine treatment goals, track progress and effectively communicate with parents and other providers.

The technology needed for online therapy is a computer or tablet with, a microphone, camera and headphones, and an up-to-date browser with Internet connection. Our therapists will assist you when setting up your online account; a session of online therapy is as easy as logging in to the therapist's private therapy room.

Just like clinic based and in-home therapists we plan activities that target each individual's goals with engaging, interactive activities targeting appropriate for a variety of ages and conditions.

Parents and caregivers not always get to see or participate of what their child is doing in therapy at a clinic or even at home. This is a barrier for caregivers who want to know how to help their child achieve their goals. With online therapy parents not only get to participate and to be more aware of their child's progress, but they are able to assist and observe how the therapists works with the child to improve carryover of learned skills to daily routines.



Visit www.hermanandassociatesonline.com for more information

Our Speciality

Herman and Associates provides individual or group therapy on-site at our office for speech, physical, and occupation therapy for ages birth to 21 years of age. We also provide ST, OT, and PT in the child's natural environment (home, daycare, etc.) Under special circumstances we will treat individuals who exceed 21 years of age.

We provide individual therapy for learning-disabled youngsters and offer academic assistance "as needed".

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