The Summer Speech Buddies program was created to provide speech sound therapy over the summer for children ages 5-8 who receive speech and language therapy during the school year. By participating in these intensive groups, children can continue to progress with goals and decrease the likelihood of regression over the summer months.

The program is designed to help children learn and practice producing sounds accurately. The sounds targeted for improvement will be determined through a speech evaluation, current speech goals from the school speech-language pathologist, or parental concerns.

Summer Speech Buddies will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from June 17 through July 31, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic. Individual and group practice will be included in the sessions.

Clinical services will be provided by graduate student clinicians under the supervision of clinical faculty and instructors, licensed in Iowa and certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The program’s coordinators are Anu Subramanian, PhD, and Jenny DiVita, MA CCC-SLP. They have extensive experience working with families and their children with speech and language delays and disorders.

The cost is $30 per session; insurance is accepted, and a sliding fee scale is available for families who qualify. The Clinic submits claims to the insurance companies as stated on our website: https://clas.uiowa.edu/comsci/clinical-services. Alternatively, the Clinic staff can provide you with an invoice to submit claims on your own.

The Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic is located on the west side of the University of Iowa campus just north of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Short-term parking is available in the loading dock on the south side of the building; long-term parking is available in UIHC Parking Ramps 1 and 3.

Please complete the Summer Buddies application form.

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