



What is SPARC?

Speech and ARtICulation (SPARC) group is designed to improve speech sound production, speech movement patterns and intelligibility in children ages 3 and 4 years of age. The group program is appropriate for children who are motivated to communicate, but their verbal speech is often not understood by their communication partners.

The program uses a thematic play-based learning environment to support relevant, meaningful and functional speech and language therapy. SPARC also introduces and addresses phonological awareness (pre-reading) skills. Individual goals are addressed for children who have moderate to severe speech sound disorders and delays, such as phonological, Childhood Apraxia of Speech or motor speech.

SPARC is led by a licensed speech-language pathologist with the support of graduate student clinicians.

SPARC Targets:

- Syllable shape production
- Speech sound production
- Producing meaningful and functional target words
- Repetitive speech practice in play-based activities
- Speech movements between sounds
- Increasing overall speech intelligibility



When: Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Available fall, spring and summer semesters

Where: Callier Center Richardson
2895 Facilities Way
Richardson, Texas 75080

Cost: \$90/session (may be insurance eligible) plus \$150 nonrefundable enrollment fee

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Patients should contact their provider via the patient portal.

Callier Center for Communication Disorders

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