

Herman, Vurro, 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
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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

Physical Therapy are designed to help:

- Maximize functional ability
- Eliminate or decrease pain
- Increase strength and 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 homeprogram 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.

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 3 universities, as well as by Florida Hospital.

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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 his entire world. This is especially true when that difficulty is in the area of communication.

Speech Therapists

- Alicia Palmer
- Holly Duong
- Jeff Herman
- Vinny Vurro
- Karyn Pennington
- Kim Jackman
- Tom Gibbons
- Victoria Hartman
- Rita Greenberg
- Tiffany Campbell
- Adriana Victoria

Occupational Therapists

- Mackenzie Palau
- Rachael Griffin
- Daniel Linares
- Marzena Bakun
- Maria Carpenter



Physical Therapists

- Deborah Spitz
- Janel Ricque
- Alex Perez
- Sara Reese
- Samina Shaikh
- Margaret Kithcart

Our Specialty

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Herman and Associates provides individual or group therapy on-site at our office for speech, physical and occupational 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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