

Speak Out Speech and Language Therapy Program

I am excited to return to St. Mary again this school year to bring speech, language and social learning therapy to your school. My name is Theresa Christiansen, I am a licensed and certified Speech Language Pathologist with over 14 years experience in a variety of settings, including Mt. Diablo Unified and Oakland Unified School Districts. I am also currently employed by Communication Works, a private practice company in Oakland. I am a parent of three children, with three very different interests. I understand the busy schedules that families maintain and how challenging it is to squeeze additional activities into the after school hours. Speak Out is a program at St. Mary where students can receive speech and language therapy services within his/her school day.

SERVICES INCLUDE: Screening, Diagnostic Evaluation, Therapy, and Consultation

PARTICIPATION: It is on-going throughout the school year, referrals are accepted at any time. Referrals may be generated by a parent, teacher, or other professional.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: According to Public Law 94-142, students enrolled in private education are not eligible for speech and language therapy through the public school system. Currently, our local school district will provide assessment in the areas of speech articulation, language development and auditory processing but will not provide therapy if indicated. As a result, it directs parents with children enrolled in private education to seek these services from the private sector.

I look forward to being a part of your school's team to ensure that students at St. Mary receive the best possible educational experience. Thank you in advance for your support.

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