**POLICIES AND FEES:**

**INITIAL CONSULTATION:**

Connections Speech Therapy is pleased to offer a complimentary initial consultation either by telephone or in our Lawrenceville office.

**EVALUATIONS:**

An initial evaluation is required prior to starting treatment so that baseline data can be collected and goals can be established in order to track progress.  (Evaluations done by another speech therapist from another program or center may be considered if done in the past 6 months.) The evaluation typically lasts around 90 minutes, sometimes a bit more or less.  During the evaluation, your child's skills will be assessed through questions that you answer about your child, the history that you provide, and the use of standardized tests and informal observation of interaction, play, and appropriate work samples. Following the evaluation, a brief verbal summary is provided and a comprehensive written evaluation report of the test results, clinical impressions, and recommendations about what you can do to help your child will follow.  If therapy is being recommended, the report will include a plan of care with appropriate treatment goals and will be reviewed with you during the first therapy session. Evaluation fees listed include the comprehensive written evaluation report. During the complimentary consultation, we will discuss which one of the following evaluations may be appropriate for your child:

* Evaluation of Articulation and Speech Skills: $250
* Evaluation of Feeding and Oral Motor Skills: $325
* Comprehensive Evaluation of Language and Communication: $375
* Combined Comprehensive Evaluation of Language and Articulation: $450
* *(Information about our Financial Policies is included on the next page.)*

**THERAPY:**

Therapy sessions are typically 45 minutes, which includes approximately 10 minutes at the conclusion of the session to discuss progress and strategies for carry-over.  A wide range of fun and developmentally appropriate activities and strategies are utilized to motivate and facilitate your child's learning throughout the session.  A speech therapy session note and invoice are provided for each session.

Speech and Language Therapy:

45 minute therapy session: $114

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Consultations are available for in-person conferences with teachers, medical professionals, or others, including attendance at IEP meetings.

$125 per hour

**TRAVEL FEE:**

Therapy sessions are provided in my home office based in Lawrenceville, NJ or for a travel fee of $12/session, they may be provided in the convenience of your home or child’s school or daycare.

**FINANCIAL POLICY:**

As a small private practice, Connections Speech Therapy does not have the resources to devote to billing insurance companies.  It has been a conscious decision to develop a practice that is more focused upon the children and families that we serve without the frustrations, time commitment, and constraints that go along with billing insurance companies.  We want the decisions we make about your child's therapy services to be made in collaboration with you and not directed by an insurance company that does not understand your child's needs.

We are an out-of-network provider and *your insurance carrier may cover some or all of the costs of services.* Benefits vary across policies so it is important to become familiar with your individual health insurance plan. We will provide upon request the appropriate documentation including a “superbill” or an itemized invoice with diagnosis and treatment codes that you may submit to your insurance carrier for reimbursement. (See our separate document “Submitting Claims for Reimbursement FAQ” for more information.) Payment is due at the time of service unless otherwise stated in a written agreement. We accept cash, check, Health Savings Account and credit cards. There is a service charge of $25 for a returned check.

**CANCELLATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Cancellations should be communicated via phone or email no less than 24 hours before the scheduled session time. Cancellations due to emergency or illness can be made at any time. No-show appointments and non-emergency cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance will be billed a $50 fee. We reserve the right to discontinue services if more than 3 sessions in a row are cancelled.

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