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AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER (APD)



WHAT IS Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

APD is a neurological condition in which a child with normal hearing sensitivity appears to not understand what is being said. This may be due to weaknesses or inefficiencies in the auditory system due to delayed development or head injury (such as concussion from sports).

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Common signs of APD

- Difficulty following directions
- Inattentiveness or short attention span
- Often asks “What?”, or “Huh?”
- Poor auditory memory
- Delayed response to verbal questions
- Poor comprehension or language skills
- Needs frequent repetition
- Reading or spelling problems
- Directing, sustaining, or dividing attention
- Sensitivity to sound

If your child is found to have an APD, auditory training therapy may be recommended along with academic accommodations to help ensure your child’s success in the classroom.

We are now accepting bookings for Auditory Processing Assessments!

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