

Application Form

Your Surname

Your Name

Your Child's Name

Address

County

Primary Contact Phone Number

Email Address

Child's Age

What is your child's learning or speech disability?

Has he / she been assessed this year?

Has he / she had an auditory exam?

If so, is there a hearing impediment?

If so, what steps are being taken to accommodate for hearing?

Has your child received speech therapy?

If yes, Private or Public?

Who is his / her speech therapist?

Where does he / she have lessons?

How often does he / she receive speech therapy?

What school does he / she attend?

Does he / she have a special needs assistant?

What 2 goals do you have for your child with regards to speech therapy?

Are you prepared to attend each weekly one hour class and complete half an hour of homework every day?

How did you hear about us?

I give my permission to Release to videotape my child during his / her assessment.

Signature

Cut out and post the application to: Admissions, Release, Solas Centre, St. Gabriel's Road, Dollymount, Dublin 3.
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Release Communication

Empowering parents with the skills they need to help their child communicate.

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Release Mission Statement

Release empowers children with speech and language disabilities. It provides their caregivers and society with the skills and tools that are needed to enable the children they support to meet their potential living as valuable, integrated members of their communities.

How do we help?

Parents

Release encourages parents of children with disabilities to learn and realise they have the potential, talent, motivation and skills to help their child learn to communicate and connect with society.

Peer to Peer Network

Release enables parents to contribute to a robust and interconnected support network of other Release families, helping them realise they are not alone and they can make a difference in their child's life.

Children

Release and their caregivers help children communicate through play based and / or peer-to-peer group therapy to become as independent, productive and self sufficient as possible enabling integration within society.

Educators

Release upskills educators, either through working with a Release SLT directly or with Release families, to modify and adapt classroom curriculum and activities within their typical setting often allowing for a more positive educational environment, for the educator, child and the child's peers.



Overview

Release is an international award winning, non-profit, speech and language therapy social enterprise with a focus on empowering parents with the knowledge they need to improve their child's ability to communicate.

Release provides a group therapy model (backed by evidence based research) which significantly improves language, speech and social skills. Through Release, parents are given the opportunity to meet and work with the Speech and Language Therapist and other parents, to discuss the needs of their child in a safe and friendly environment.

Release Assessment

- Child-centred approach
- 100% parent inclusive
- Comprehensive evaluation with detailed report

Release Classes

- Consistent, weekly, one hour therapy
- 100% parent inclusive
- Grouped by:
 - Communication need
 - Age
 - Disability
- Non-judgemental, fully supportive environment

Release Peer-to-Peer Network

- Parents learn they are not alone
- Share worries and techniques on daily concerns
- Fosters life-long relationships
- Motivate each other to put in the daily practice

Release Homework

- Promotes carry-over of skills learned in therapy
- Empowers parents with knowledge to help their child
- Creates language learning opportunities throughout the day



Research

Evidence Based Research

Release completed quantitative evidence based research in conjunction with The George Washington University and have answered the Call for Papers to present at The American Speech Language Hearing Association's 2009 Annual Convention, as Ireland's first emerging best practice in early intervention.

Preliminary results from our research indicate that for children (aged 6 months - 5 years) participating in six months of Release group speech and language therapy:

- 74% of children improved a severity level, e.g. for a child who was originally assessed as having moderate communication difficulties, after six months of Release speech and language therapy their communication skills were found to have improved so that they moved into the mild range (i.e. their communication skills were found to have improved significantly at reassessment).
- 97% of children increased their communication levels by more than the 20 weeks they participated (average improvement: 11 ½ months).
- Almost every family experienced a significant decrease in stress levels.



Costs of participating in Release

Release is a not for profit social enterprise and receives no government funding. All funds for programme innovation, research and scholarships come from caregiver participation in Release classes; fundraising activities (by Release families, friends and Release staff) and charitable donations from individuals and foundations.

Release Speech and Language Therapists are validated by the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists. Therefore all costs for your child's Release speech and language therapy can be put against your Med 1 Form.

Description	Cost from Release	Minus Private Health Care	Minus 20% MED 1 Form	Total Cost with all reimbursements
Assessment	€350	- €30 - 40	- €64	= €256
Class Per Hour	€75	- €30 - €40 (x 12)	- €9	= €36
8 Hour Workshop	€1250 + travel. Approx €50 per person (25 people)	- €30 - €40	- €4	= €16
Basic SLT Supervision	€150 per hour + travel			= €150 per hour