

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVICES FUNDED

The Billings Scottish Rite concentrates its funding on treatment in a clinic by licensed clinicians. But there are devices available that are often critical to success. Obviously children who have a hearing disability will also have speech and language problems. Hearing can usually be addressed with hearing aid technology. There is also a developing availability of computer software that has been crafted for specific speech and language disabilities. By use of some digital device children can accomplish therapy at home. Sometimes that is enough and the child does not need to attend a clinic. Sometimes its is supplemental. These computer programs can provide clinical help in remote areas where speech and language clinicians are not available. The problem, as always, is money and children in need do without. Billings Scottish Rite also assists financially with the purchase of hearing aids, and computer devices and prescribed therapeutic software on a case by case basis. While therapy comes first, applications for financial support to purchase therapeutic devices are considered on a case by case basis with regard to family need and the budget. There is more need than money.