

## Just SO (Short-Term Online) Speech Services **ODP Announcement 24-046**

**AUDIENCE:**

Individuals, Families, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Supports Coordinators (SCs), SC Supervisors, Direct Service Professionals, Administrative Entities (AEs), Directors or Administrators, All Interested Parties

**PURPOSE:**

This communication is to share information about the Just SO Speech program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) has funded short-term, online Speech and Language Pathology services through TechOWL at the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University since January 2023. This announcement is a reminder of these services and provides further information on this free service.

Who can access these services?	Anyone who is registered with ODP and has a Supports Coordinator.
Are these services in person or virtual?	Services are virtual only.

How many hours of services can I get?	Individuals and their team can receive up to 15 hours of service. However, most people do not use the full 15 hours.
Who are the professionals that provide the service?	Services are provided by a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist (SLP).
What can the service provide?	<p>The SLP can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess current communication,</li> <li>• Recommend a communication focus,</li> <li>• Develop a communication support plan,</li> <li>• Teach practical strategies for communication,</li> <li>• Select, set up, and/or customize a communication device, if recommended,</li> <li>• Plan for getting an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device, including writing an insurance report, if necessary, and</li> <li>• Troubleshoot communication strategies, AAC devices, and more.</li> </ul>
How do I know if I would benefit from this service?	<p>Individuals would benefit from this service if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They do not have an effective means of communication,</li> <li>• They want to explore AAC or assistive technology,</li> <li>• They have an outdated device, or</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They would benefit from any part of the service listed above.</li> </ul>
Should this service be added to my Individual Support Plan (ISP)?	Yes, a communication goal should be included in the ISP. Note, this is a free (non-paid) service so Temple will not be added to the Service Details.
Should the communication plan that Temple provided me be added to my ISP?	Yes.
What if I sign up and I can't follow through because something else comes up? Can I make another referral later?	Yes. If Temple contacts you 2-3 times with no response, they will close the referral, but you are always welcome to reach back out.

If you are interested in this free service, go to [Just SO Speech Services: SLP Services for Pennsylvania ODP Consumers](#).

Please be advised that Just SO Speech is currently at full capacity, however, this is temporary. If you are interested in services, please still complete a referral. When spaces become available, referrals will be processed in the order they are received.

For questions, contact TechOWL at 1-800-204-7428 or [justso@temple.edu](mailto:justso@temple.edu).

**ATTACHMENT:** Just SO Speech Flyer