

WHAT IS AUDITORY-VERBAL THERAPY (AVT)?



AVT is an approach which coaches parents in the skills they need to help their child learn spoken language through listening.

Access to Sound

For children to benefit from the Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT) approach they need access to all the sounds of spoken language. We will work with you to determine how this can best happen. This may include the use of hearing devices such as hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Parent Participation

Children learn language most easily at home with the people who love them. The AVT approach, therefore, focuses on developing parents' and carers' skills in language development. Parents participate in all sessions provided at The Shepherd Centre.

Who Provides AVT?

A Listening and Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS) is a professional who has received further training in developing listening and spoken language in children. They usually have a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in in Audiology, Speech Pathology or Education of the Deaf, and are then involved in a three year certification program.

What is the Aim?

Children who listen and speak just like their hearing peers, who go to mainstream schools and who participate in all the activities of family and social life.

Does it Work?

At The Shepherd Centre, more than 90% of our standard graduates go on to achieve age appropriate spoken language and attend mainstream schools.

Take home messages from this session:

“The Shepherd Centre provide our family with educational support through AVT sessions and on ‘those days’ lots of emotional support as well. We are given endless amounts of ideas, games and activities to keep our daughter entertained while learning and developing her speech and listening – this is absolute magic in my books.”

Parents of Jessica,
who attends The Shepherd Centre



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