Did You Know? ...

* 2.4 million people, including 475,000 children in the U.S., sustain a TBI each year. 5.3 million individuals live with lifelong disability as a result of TBI.

* TBIs are caused by falls (35%), car crashes (17%), workplace accidents (16%), assaults (10%), and other causes (21%).

* About 75% of TBIs that occur each year are concussions or other forms of mild traumatic brain injury.

* Just as no two people are exactly alike, no two brain injuries are exactly alike.

* Day treatment programs (e.g., 4 hours of therapy) are about $600 to $1,000 with no room/board.

* According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2010), medical expenses for TBI in the U.S. total an estimated $76.3 billion each year.

(Statistics provided by the Brain Injury Association of America)

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Other Speech & Language Services offered at the University of Cincinnati

- Accent/Dialect/ESL
- Language Delay
- Language/Learning Based Problems
- Articulation/Phonological Disorders
- Auditory Processing Disorders
- Fluency Disorders
- Voice Disorders
- Cognitive Communication Disorders
- Neurogenic Disorders (Aphasia, Apraxia, Dysarthria)
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Augmentative Communication
- Aural Rehabilitation

Audiological Services

- Audiological Evaluation
- Hearing Aid Evaluation & Orientation
- Hearing Protection (earplugs, swim molds)
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Hearing Screening
- Tinnitus Consultation

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“Why *speech* therapy?”

**Communication vs. Cognition**

**Communication**
Communication can be defined as the ability to express an intent either verbally or nonverbally. Language skills are a crucial part of communication, and involve 4 components: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Any or all of these skills can be affected following a TBI.

**Cognition**
Cognition is a generic term which is used to describe various high level functions of the brain, including: attention, memory, problem solving, reasoning, organization, time management, concentration, processing and logical deduction. Any or all of these skills could be affected following a TBI.

*It is not uncommon for a person who has had a TBI to experience difficulties with both cognition and communication. Speech Language Pathologists are trained to work with individuals to focus on remediation of specific cognitive/communicative deficits and assist with community reintegration.*

**Individual Services**
Assessment of abilities and deficits to determine most appropriate, functional goals to lead to success in everyday life.

- **Evaluation** $75
- **One hour therapy session** $60

**Group Services**
Activities will be provided within a small group setting and will target “real world” experiences, themes and skills for communication.

- **One hour group session** $30
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