

DISMISSAL POLICIES

It is the goal of the Clinic that the dismissal of any client from speech, language, or hearing therapy be recommended as a result of attaining long-term goals. Every reasonable effort will be made by the staff of the Clinic to achieve this goal. It is understood, however, that the goal will not be attained in all cases for a variety of reasons.

When a client achieves long-term goals, the therapy may be modified to a maintenance schedule with one or more follow-up contacts. This will depend on the case and the decision will be made at the discretion of the clinical educator in charge of the case.

Clients, who relocate outside the Clinic's service area before therapy is completed, will be dismissed from this Clinic. They will be assisted in obtaining appropriate services in the new location.

In some cases, after a period of therapy, it may be determined by all parties involved that another professional or agency could more effectively manage the client's communicative problems. In those cases, the client will be dismissed from this Clinic and a timely, appropriate referral will be made.

Occasionally, a client may simply cease to keep appointments. Action regarding these cases is discussed under Client Attendance Policy.