## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING FOR TODDLERS

### Age 1 ½ years:
1. Is the child beginning to say his/her first words?  
2. Can the child follow simple directions (e.g. Get the doll)?  
3. Does the child try to imitate your words?  
4. Does the child turn toward familiar sounds such as the doorbell, phone, or favorite toy?  
5. Does the child look at, reach for, or point to objects and pictures when asked (e.g. Show me the cat)?

### Age 2-2 ½ years:
1. Is the child combining at least two words to form phrases (e.g. “more cookie” or “go car”)?  
2. Can the child follow simple requests such as “Get the cup” or “Give me the ball”?  
3. Can the child identify objects and actions in pictures by pointing?  
4. Do you understand the child at least half of the time?

### By 3 years of age:
1. Is the child speaking basic sentences?  
2. Do you understand the child’s speech at least 75% of the time?  
3. Can the child answer yes/no and what/where questions?

Speech, language and hearing difficulties can affect learning abilities in grade school and beyond. If you answered “no” to any of the above questions, a complete speech and hearing evaluation should be conducted by a medical professional.

For more information on how to obtain a speech and hearing evaluation, please contact Palomar Pomerado Health at 858.613.4761.