



LEIGH HARTER
SPEECH SERVICES

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

90% of people with Parkinson's are at risk of developing a weak voice that can lead to serious speech and swallowing difficulties. Treatment with a speech-language pathologist can help improve the clarity, strength, loudness, and breath support.

At LHSS, we work with patients who have Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions including children with cerebral palsy (CP) and Down syndrome (DS). Our therapists are certified in **Speak OUT!** and **LSVT LOUD®**: two evidence-based treatment programs for improving communication disorders, specifically in people with PD.

SPEAK OUT! emphasizes speaking with intent and converts speech from an automatic function to an intentional act.







Treatment includes: 45-minute sessions 3x/week for 4 weeks; one lesson in the SPEAK OUT!® Workbook 2x/day for 25 days.

LSVT LOUD® impacts multiple levels of functioning including increased vocal loudness, improved articulation and speech intelligibility, improved intonation, improvements in facial expression, and changes in neural functioning related to voice and speech.

Treatment includes: 60-minute sessions 4x/week for 4 weeks; daily homework practice and carryover skills.

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Treatment programs available for those with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions

	Speak OUT!	LSVT LOUD®
Research-based		
Total treatment sessions	12	16
Session length	45 minutes	60 minutes
Home Exercise Programs (HEP)	Workbook provided	Exercises provided
Typically covered by Medicare		
Treatment focus	Flexible program focused on using INTENT when speaking; also incorporates cognition	Highly structured program focused on being LOUD and sensory recalibration
Adaptable for telehealth		

For both programs, it is best to start treatment before significant decline in functions, however individuals in all stages of the disease benefit.