

Early Start Denver Model

St. Luke's Children's Rehab

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Mission Statement

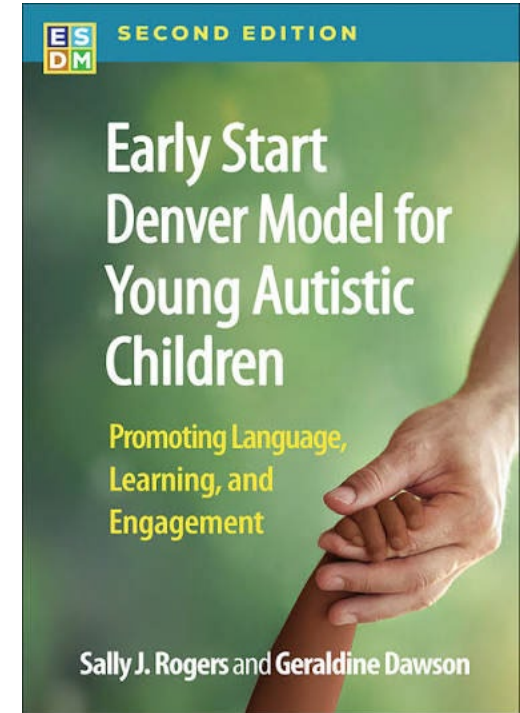
The Early Start Denver Model Program empowers children with ASD to become active social participants and learners. We partner with families to foster a deep understanding and celebration of their child's uniqueness, educating them with essential Autism teaching principles to systematically support growth across all developmental domains. The St. Luke's ESDM program creates a robust framework for episodic care, bridging current interventions with future therapies.





What is ESDM?

- Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral Intervention
- Manualized, evidence based
- 12-48 months
- Individualized curriculum across developmental domains (receptive/expressive language, social skills, joint attention, imitation, cognition, fine/gross motor, behavior, independence)





What does the ESDM look like at SL Children's Rehab?



- 9 month intensive program (3x/week)
- Intake with Curriculum Checklist
- Combined ST/OT with coordinated goals
- Caregiver empowerment with evidence-based treatment strategies for ASD
- Pre & Post Caregiver Learning Outcome Measures
- Handouts aligning with caregiver learning pathway
- Bridge outside services (ABA, Dev. Preschool)





What are core teaching principles of the ESDM?

- Teaching in Joint Activity Routines
- Variation/Elaboration
- Co-Regulation
- Dyadic Engagement
- Positive Affect
- Multiple/Varied Communication Opportunities
- Reinforcement
- ABC teaching
- Generalization





What does an ESDM session look like?

- Co-regulation
- Becoming a Play Partner
- Creating Teaching Loops in Play Routines
- ABC teaching
- Data collection
- Parent education & Practice
- Home Exercise Programming and ESDM handouts





What kind of child is appropriate for the Program?

- 3 ½ or younger
- ASD Diagnosis
- Functional Interest in Objects
- Good Attendance, Parent commitment to Home Programming
- Behaviors are not prohibitive to learning



Referrals

- Contact St. Luke's Children's Rehab, Meadowlake Clinic for more information
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Questions?

