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Clinical Project

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D.F. Denver Articulation Screening Test

D.F. is a 4 year old Caucasian male born 12/14/2008. The client resides in a single family dwelling with both mother and father. He has older siblings that do not reside with him. Client stays home with father during week and attends preschool 2 days a week. Client has a medical history of chronic otitis media and seasonal allergies. He has a surgical history of tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, sinus irrigation, bilateral myringotomy and tube insertion.

D.F. passed the screening. The child uses the /w/ phoneme to substitute for the /r/ and /l/ phonemes in some of his words. I see a pattern for the affricate group of phonemes. The child often replaces the affricate phonemes with the /f/ phoneme. The intelligibility of the child at the word level seems to be more understandable at times than the connected speech but overall he is easy to understand.

I enjoyed this project and I liked working with a child. I realized that I had to listen to my recording a few times to hear some of the substitutions for certain phonemes. I thought that the things that were difficult were finding the right pictures for the screening of the words and the perceived pronunciation of the child’s words. I think tuning into the different phoneme substitutions will come with practice and learning to not think about how I say the words. One thing I think may help the project is watching a video of how the test is performed before doing the project sample.