At RiteCare, we offer:

**CLINICAL SERVICES**
- Evaluations and screenings of children’s speech, expressive language, receptive language, cognitive communication, literacy and feeding and swallowing skills. These screenings determine eligibility for services and the appropriate type of therapy needed.
- Individual therapy is available for children who need a quiet, distraction-free environment for learning and require intense drill and practice to address areas of needs such as motor speech disorders, stuttering, feeding and swallowing difficulties, and language development and use.
- A preschool group which uses a total communication approach, including sign language, pictures, speech, and augmentative and alternative communication to help children ages 2 to pre-K increase their expressive communication. For these children, group therapy is more productive, helping children become more engaged with their peers, and greater learning is supported through interactions with their speech language pathologists and peers.
- Parent Training Programs focus on helping caregivers learn new ways to promote and expand the speech and language development of their child at home.
- Augmentative and alternative communication specialists identify the most efficient and effective mode of communication possible as well as equipment needs, such as speech generating devices and computer access.
- Specialty services vary by location and are available to children across Nebraska via telehealth.

**TRAINING**
- Part-time graduate pre-externships and full-time graduate externships

**RESEARCH**
- To understand how low-tech and high-tech communication tools support speech and language development in early childhood.
- Development of non-nutritive suck in infants with swallowing difficulties.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is commonly known as the Scottish Rite and has its beginnings in the United States of America in 1801. It is one of several groups which are part of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasons. The Scottish Rite dates to 1867 in Nebraska, the year it became a state, and members represent all backgrounds, faiths and careers.

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of brotherly love, charity and truth while actively embracing high social, moral and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion and dedication to God, family and country.

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska to serve young children in Nebraska with speech and language disorders and teach the communication skills necessary to succeed in school and throughout their lives as lifelong learners. The goal is achieved through early identification and therapy at our statewide RiteCare Clinics.

To continue serving tomorrow’s leaders, we invite your support at our fundraisers throughout the year or through a tax-deductible gift at ritecarene.org.
At your appointment, expect:

- A comprehensive interview about your or your child’s medical, communication and swallowing history;
- An assessment of voice quality, social communication, play skills, thinking skills, and/or use of sounds/words and the way you or your child puts them together to form the basis of language;
- An assessment of swallowing by eating and drinking easy and challenging foods using a variety of techniques;
- Questions about home or community communication needs;
- Collaborative goal-setting and problem-solving; and
- Home activity programs that support skill development.

Service hours
8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
(Some scheduling flexibility is available to address specific families’ needs)