

What is Selective Mutism?

YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE SM IF HE/SHE...

- Is a "chatter box" at home or with people they are comfortable with, but stops talking when other people are around or others hear them talk
- Doesn't talk to teachers and/or classmates
- plays with other kids but will not speak to them
- Looks frozen, paralyzed (like a "deer in headlights"), or frustrated when asked questions by others or when he/she feels uncomfortable
- Uses gestures like pointing, nodding, or facial expressions to get what they want, despite knowing how to talk
- etc.

- Selective Mutism (SM) is a childhood anxiety disorder.
- Children with SM consistently don't speak in some social situations, but speak comfortably at home or in other situations.
- Often creates a lot of difficulty in children lives.
- Can impact school, making friends, in activities, and also participating in typical childhood experiences.
- Can keep them from being safe if they can't communicate basic needs or ask for help.

WHAT IS THE UNLV SCHOOL REFUSAL AND ANXIETY DISORDER CLINIC?

- Evidence-based outpatient clinic that provides assessment and treatment for youth ages 5-16 with school refusal behavior or anxiety difficulties
- Clients are seen individually or in groups
- Fees are based on sliding scale
- The director of the clinic is Dr.Christopher Kearney,

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