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### **USE OF THE PROMPT SYSTEM IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

PROMPT is an acronym for Prompts for Restructuring Oral-Muscular Phonetic Targets. The PROMPT System is extremely effective in the treatment of verbal apraxia.

The PROMPT System has been used with phonological, dysarthric, apraxic, hearing impaired and fluency disorder with children and adults. It is part of a total therapeutic program which incorporates elements of small-step learning, positive reinforcement, appropriate pragmatic and language goals. It is used to augment, support and enhance traditional or new innovative approaches.

PROMPT is a systematic approach, based on neurological, anatomical and motor theory principles. The PROMPT System (1980) translates the phonemic system directly to the neuro-muscular movements required for articulatory sequences. The PROMPT System uses a tactile basis for guiding the articulatory mechanism. The system has developed multi-dimensional prompts that may signal various phonemic components, such as place, manner, muscle groups, closure, timing and coarticulators influences, during transitive movement, stress and prosodic changes. The therapist uses a motor-speech treatment hierarchy to guide the patient through seven stages of motor-speech control. The system changes patient awareness at the level of self-monitoring and self-correction.

Therapists are trained, evaluated and certified by licensed clinicians from The PROMPT Institute (Santa Fe, New Mexico and Toronto, Ontario) -  
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