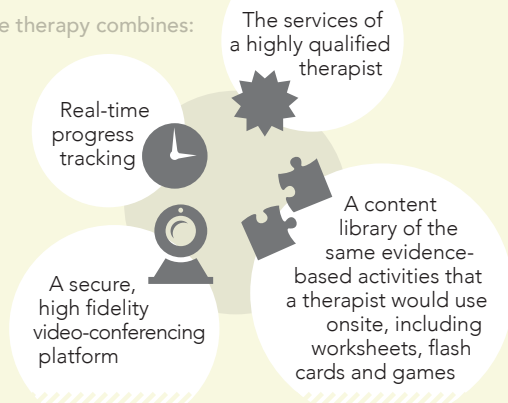


Face-to-Face with Online Therapy

Online therapy is the delivery of speech therapy, occupational therapy and counseling services over the web. Educators and clinicians want to know...

The most effective online therapy combines:



Is Online Therapy Really as Good as Face-to-Face?

Online therapy IS face-to-face, the faces are just on the screen.

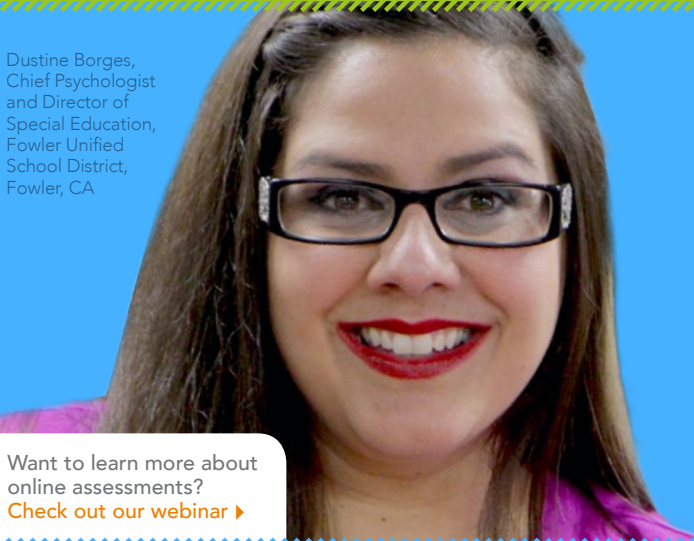
Dozens of research studies show the effectiveness of online speech therapy, occupational therapy and counseling. With PresenceLearning, students are highly engaged with their therapists and the individualized activities and attention they receive, and make progress faster than the national average.

- The following organizations support online therapy as well:
- » Mayo Clinic
 - » American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
 - » American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
 - » American Psychological Association (APA)
 - » National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
 - » American Counseling Association (ACA)
 - » US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



Irazu, Student, Synergy Quantum Academy, Los Angeles, CA

Dustine Borges, Chief Psychologist and Director of Special Education, Fowler Unified School District, Fowler, CA



Want to learn more about online assessments? Check out our webinar ▶

Can You Do Evaluations Online?

Online evaluations are efficient and effective, and are supported by both ASHA and AOTA for speech and occupational therapy.

PresenceLearning provides the initial, annual, triennial and exit evaluations.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE		OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	COUNSELING
CELF 5	GFTA	Beery VMI	BASC2
EVT	CASL	Sensory Profile	Vineland-II Adaptive Behavior Scales
PPVT		Family and teacher interviews	
		Observation of school and functional skills	

Is it Only Good for Some Kids?

Online therapy is effective for the vast majority of students, regardless of condition or disability.

It has worked with students who have articulation problems as well as those on the autism spectrum or who have more severe conditions including apraxia, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy.

While research has shown online therapy to be as effective as onsite, it can be even better when:

- » A student needs a specialist that isn't available in your area
- » A student feels stigmatized by being pulled out of their class
- » Flexibility is needed to work around a student's busy schedule

- » A student needs a less distracting environment to focus
- » A student feels less intimidated in the online environment (common with students on the spectrum)

However, online therapy may not be the right option for students who have difficulty focusing for more than five minutes or who have difficulty following directions. Online counseling is not recommended for students who are a flight risk, suicidal and/or who are a threat to themselves or others.

Christopher, Student, Fowler Unified School District



▶ Learn how PresenceLearning helped students with more severe disabilities at Fowler Unified School District.



Can It Work for Groups?

Absolutely! About half the students receiving online therapy from PresenceLearning work in groups of up to four.

Connor and Haiden, Bonneville Joint School District 93, Idaho Falls, ID

Where Do Students Go for Online Therapy?

Online therapy can be delivered in resource rooms, classrooms, computer labs, libraries and any other space where distractions are limited and the student can focus on the screen.

Paraprofessionals, SLPs, classroom aides or other helpers can help younger kids get to and from the area where they receive therapy, and can provide support for technical issues if needed.

Due to confidentiality, a student receiving counseling online must be in a private space on his or her own.

Marissa, Student, Fowler Unified School District, Fowler, CA



What Kind of Materials Are Used?

Online therapists and counselors use the same kinds of materials they would use if they were seeing a student onsite, including flash cards, card games, story cards, board games, videos, manipulatives and curriculum-based activities.

▶ Watch an SLP, a special education director and middle school students describe how online therapy works and how the curriculum is supported in therapy.

Nate, Student, Murray County Schools, Chatsworth, GA



What About Privacy? Is Online Therapy Secure?

PresenceLearning meets all security requirements under HIPAA, FERPA and COPPA guidelines.

No one can enter the online therapy "room" besides the student and therapist without permission, and the same security used to protect online financial systems is used to protect student information and confidentiality. Therapists and counselors are bound by the same privacy and confidentiality requirements online as they are in an onsite setting.