

North Suburban Speech and Language Association (NSSLA)  
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## **Using Improv to Build Skills in Speech/Language Impaired Clients**

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**When:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024

**Where:** The Toadstool Pub, 327 Waukegan Avenue, Highwood IL 60040

**Reservations:** Laura Gean (NSSLArsvp@gmail.com). **RSVP by Monday, May 6th**  
The handout may be posted online prior to the meeting (per presenter preference).

**Activity Description:** The role of improv in building skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity will be discussed. Presenters will connect the concepts utilized in improv games and how SLPs can adapt them to treat different ages and disorders. Participants will have several opportunities to practice a wide variety of theater and improv games in small groups.

**Agenda:**

6:00-6:30 pm	Registration and business meeting
6:30-6:35	Topic Introduction & Agenda
6:35-6:50	Principles and Definitions of Improvisation; the “Yes, and ...” Philosophy
6:50-7:00	The Role of Improv & the SLP
7:00-8:15	Improv & Discuss: Play games and discuss how to adapt them to our populations!
8:15-8:30	Q & A

### **Learning Objectives:**

The participants will:

1. Explain the philosophy of improvisation
2. Describe and play improvisation games (pairs and small groups)
3. Explain and discuss how to adapt improv games to the treatment of a variety of communication disorders and age groups.

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