PARTICIPATION CRITERIA
- Motor speech is the family's primary area of concern
- Caregiver must sign TIMSS Caregiver Participation Contract
- Client must be able to tolerate 30 minute twice weekly sessions
- Client's receptive language skills must be within age-appropriate limits or mildly delayed for age
- Client/caregiver must be able to attend therapy sessions
- Client's caregiver(s) must have attended the Motor Speech Treatment Protocol (MSTP) at Grandview

TARGET POPULATION AND GOALS
- TIMSS aims to improve service for children over 3 years of age on Grandview PSL caseload with moderate-to-severe speech and language impairments
- Six clients per 12-week cycle are recruited via referrals from Grandview PSL SLPs
- In addition to meeting speech eligibility criteria (identified in the MSTP), families must meet specific participation criteria before being placed on a TIMSS waitlist by their referring PSL SLPs

RESULTS
- 20 clients have participated in TIMSS to date
- 21 clients are currently on TIMSS waitlist
- Parents have been engaged, active participants in therapy, and have reported improvements in rate of progress, intelligibility, confidence, and comfort in participating in speech production tasks.

PARENT FEEDBACK
- Parents have provided consistently positive feedback regarding rate of progress, intelligibility, confidence, and comfort in participating in speech production tasks.
- Parents have been engaged, active participants in sessions, and have reported feelings of empowerment and involvement.

NEXT STEPS
- Continued implementation of TIMSS
- Continued and expanded collection and analysis of pre- and post-TIMSS data
- Increase position to 1.0 FTE supported by data in order to service all clients currently waiting for TIMSS
- Expand to multiple sites in Durham region

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