### Speech program aids suburban children

Some 19 children from the western suburbs are speaking and hearing more clearly — thanks to a summer speech program through Oakwood Hospital's outpatient center in Canton.

Lorraine Zaksek, program coordina-tor, is a Canton resident and speech pathologist in the Canton center's new speech and language department. For the past eight weeks, Zaksek has been working with children from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland, Farmington and elsewhere. The sum-

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mer program, which ends this week, continues treating children who partic-ipate in public-school speech programs during the school year.

CANTON RESIDENT Susan Parker says the program has been a tremen-dous help to her daughter Jamie, 6, a student at Farrand Elementary School. Jamie takes lessons to help produce

same takes essent sounds to the process sounds as speech sounds (it has helped)." Parker side of the program. "Jamie has learned so much this summer. We're just thrilled with the program." Zakase, gives Parker "homework" for her to do with Jamie, who has cerbarl palsy, a birth defect which impairs muscles and coordination. Getting the parent involved helps the students receive the daily treatment considered

important for improvement.
"I work with Jamie on a daily basis for at least two hours each day," Parker said. "Going to speech therapy just two times a week doesn't get the job done."

THE PUBLIC school therapist refers the students to the summer program at Canton Center and supplies the clinic with diagnostic information, according to Zaksek. "I think we've accomplished many new objectives by continuing the edu-

"It think we've accomplished many new objectives by continuing the edu-cation of public school kids into the summer," Zaksek said. "Many of the kids require continuous stimulation." This continuous stimulation only oc-curs when the child is helped everyday, Zaksek said.
"One advantage that our clinic offers

is the parent-child-therapist interac-tion," she said. "To be effective, it takes more than a few hours a week with something as habitual as speech. We get the parent to know what to look for and how to correct it."

Parker is so pleased with the results she sees in Jamie that she plans on sending her there year-round.

"We will continue to go there," Par-

ker said. "When you've got a good thing going, it's best to stick with it."

THE CANTON CENTER speech program is an offshoot of the Oakwood hospital in Dearborn. This is the first year for the summer program, but there will be a continuous speech program with individualized care, Zaksek sald.
"We are an on-going speech and language department for both children and adulis," Zaksek said. "We will probably offer a summer program next year also."

#### Senior golfers will compete

Senior golfers will compete in two upcoming tournaments at Oakland County Parks golf courses.
Friday, Aug. 27, White Lake Oaks Golf Course will host the Oakland County Seniors Tournament.
The Michigan Recreation and Park Association Slate Tournament will be held at Glen Oaks Golf Course Friday, Sent. 10.

held at Glen Oaks Golt Course river, Sept. 10. Both tournaments are open to all seniors. "Participants don't have to be retirees," said Oakland County Parks golf supervisor. Jim Mansfield. Eight divisions for women over 5s and men over 5s will be available. Tro-phies will be awarded to the first-and second-place actual and handicap winners in each division.

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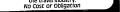
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