

Do you know a child

...who can talk freely at home but appears frozen in other settings like at school and out in public?

Do you know a child

...who seems so shy they take a very long time to warm up in social situations, if at all? Does it seem out of the normal range of shyness you observe in other children?

***If so, you may know
a child with
Selective Mutism***

...and you've come to the right place.

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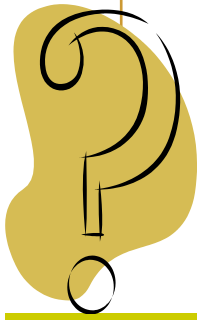
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*Selective Mutism Has Many
Faces*

FIND THE KNOWLEDGE.
FIND UNDERSTANDING.

Rid the Silence.



Selective Mutism (SM) is best understood as a complex childhood anxiety disorder characterized by a child or adolescent's inability to speak in one or more social settings (e.g., at school, in public places, with adults, etc.) despite being able to speak

What is Selective Mutism?

comfortably in other settings (e.g., at home with family).

These children:

- talk normally in settings where they feel comfortable
- have an actual fear of speaking when there is an expectation to talk
- can “freeze” due to anxiety

If left untreated, this can lead to social difficulties and/or isolation over time. SM can persist into adolescence and even adulthood if left untreated. However, with diagnosis at a young age, early intervention, and effective treatment, the prognosis for children with SM can be excellent.

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The Selective Mutism Group (SMG), part of the Childhood Anxiety Network, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information, resources, and support to those impacted by a child with the anxiety disorder known as Selective Mutism.

Whether you are a parent of a child with SM, a teacher of a student with SM, a therapist with a SM patient, or anyone interested in learning more, SMG can help. We are the nation's premier resource for SM information, providing a network of families and treating professionals around the world who uniquely understand the struggles of SM. Stop struggling alone. Start seeking information and new ideas today.



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