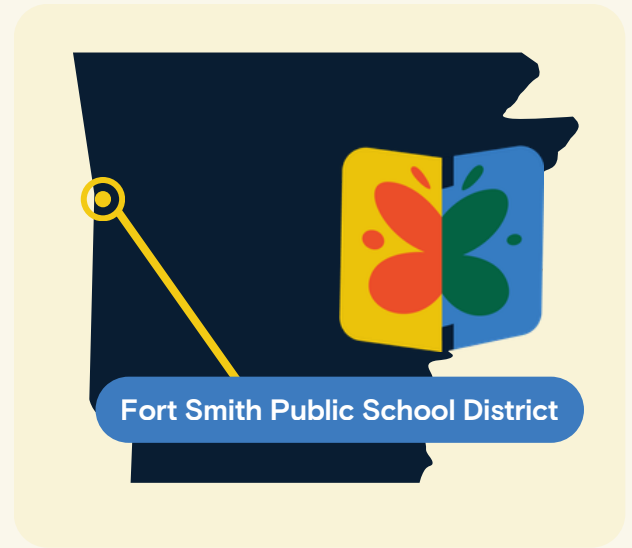


## Expanding Speech Therapy Access in a Growing District

A flexible virtual model helps a large Arkansas district overcome SLP shortages and strengthen family engagement.



**2022**

began our partnership

**18,000+**

sessions delivered during SY 24-25

**30**

Huddle Up providers serving the district

**19**

schools supported

**4x**

students receiving services (870+ annually)

About

### Fort Smith Public School District (FSPS)



Fort Smith, Arkansas



14,000+ students



26 schools

Fort Smith Public School District is one of Arkansas's largest school systems, serving students across the River Valley region. More than **2,000 students qualify for special education services**, creating a high demand for consistent, high-quality speech therapy support.

#### The Challenge

Rising demand for speech therapy amid an SLP staffing reduction

- Providers left for **retirement, parental leave, or new jobs**
- District faced **difficulties filling vacant SLP roles**
- **Growing IEP caseload** requiring consistent, timely services



#### The Solution

Reliable SLP support + tools that strengthen family participation

- Access to a **large, reliable pool of specialized SLPs**
- **Consistent, high-quality virtual therapy** that drives student engagement
- Support that **reinforces progress** beyond the school day



"If I could use one word to describe Huddle Up, it would be **responsive**. They heard my cry for help and responded with exceptional support. **They really care about the needs of our students and the needs of our families.**"

**Domonique Alexander**  
Director of Special Education  
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