

Wondering About ...

# Language Delays

The family is the first and most important teacher of language. The motivation to communicate is strong and children naturally want to communicate with their parents and siblings. When language delays surface, there are intentional things that your family can do to help your child.

## Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

[www.heartland.edu/heip](http://www.heartland.edu/heip)

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

### **KidTalk: Naturalistic Communication Intervention Strategies for Parents and Teachers of Young Children.**

by Kaiser, A. P. (2011, February).  
Vanderbilt University.  
[http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kidtalk/files/presentations/Kaiser\\_AUCD%20Webinar\\_2\\_22\\_11.pdf](http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kidtalk/files/presentations/Kaiser_AUCD%20Webinar_2_22_11.pdf)

This presentation handout introduces the Communication Intervention of Enhanced Milieu Teaching. Scroll through the presentation to find the "Strategies" section that provides 8 specific strategies to support communication.

### **Getting Kids Involved: Creating Opportunities for Learning Video.**

Center for Early Literacy Learning. (2011).

[http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/getting\\_kids\\_involved.php](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/getting_kids_involved.php)

This 12-minute video provides information and illustrations for adapting all types of learning activities at home and school.

### **Parent Resources: Practice Guides with Adaptations.**

Center for Early Literacy Learning (2010).  
[http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pg\\_tier2.php](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pg_tier2.php)

These guides provide strategies for parents to make it easier for young children with disabilities to participate in early literacy learning activities.

### **Speech Therapy: Tips for Home Exercises.**

Complete Speech.  
[http://completespeech.com/speech/blog/article/speech\\_therapy\\_tips\\_for\\_home\\_exercises](http://completespeech.com/speech/blog/article/speech_therapy_tips_for_home_exercises)

This web resource provides links to several sites with various speech and language activities to support your child.

### **Parent's as "Speech Therapists": What a New Study Shows.**

by Lauren Lowry.

<http://www.hanen.org/SiteAssets/Helpful-Info/Articles/parents-as-speech-therapists.aspx>

This article shares why parents are a key component in their child's speech and language development.

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