

ONTARIO PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM



Your child's speech and language development

About 1 in 10 children need extra help developing speech and language skills. Without help, it may be harder for these children to listen, talk, read and play with others.

The Ontario Preschool Speech and Language Program provides services for children from birth until they start school. Services for your child begin with an intake visit with a Speech Language Pathologist to discuss your concerns and learn more about how your child's speech and language skills are developing. Speech and language therapy and parent training and support are provided to children and their families at locations across the province.

Why speech and language skills are so important

Your child learns how to communicate by exploring, playing, pointing and talking using sounds, words and sentences. All of these activities are important for your child's growth and development.

You play an important role in helping your child develop these skills. Face-to-face interactions with your child that include talking, reading and playing will help your child develop communication skills.

When it's time to start school, your child will use these skills to make friends, solve problems, and learn how to read and write.

Where can I learn more?

If you have questions or concerns about your child's speech and language skills, contact the Preschool Speech and Language Program. You do not need a referral from your doctor. Program staff can teach you how to help your child develop their communication skills, giving them the best opportunity for healthy development.

For more information please visit:
ontario.ca/preschoolspeech