Parent Programs for Communication and Social Skill Development

About the Hanen Centre

Founded more than 25 years ago, the Hanen Centre is a Canadian charitable organization with a global reach. Their mission is to provide the important people in a young child’s life with the knowledge and training they need to help the child develop the best possible language, social and literacy skills.

They do this by:

- Creating programs that teach parents and other caregivers how to promote children’s language development during everyday activities
- Training Speech-Language Pathologists to run Hanen Programs and to use Hanen’s child-centered approach in their day-to-day work with families and teachers
- Training community professionals to lead programs for parents of children at risk
- Sharing information with professionals who support parents’ and teachers’ efforts to give children the best start in life
- Developing outstanding, user-friendly learning materials
- Conducting leading-edge research in our field

The Hanen Program

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Mission

To provide training, information and support for parents to help them enhance their child’s speech, language and social skills.

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities early Childhood Education

Parent Workshops

At Early Childhood, we are committed to helping every child communicate to the best of his/her ability. Getting parents and caregivers involved is an essential part of this process. For this reason, we offer a variety of one day workshops to provide adults with the tools necessary to support children’s communication in their natural, everyday environments.

Topics vary yearly and may include:

- Literacy
- Stages of Language Development
- Sign Language
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Play
- Communication Delays
- Social Skill Development
It Takes Two to Talk

The Hanen Programs® for Parents

About It Takes Two to Talk

*It Takes Two to Talk* is a program for parents of children who have language delays.

*It Takes Two to Talk* recognizes:
- The importance of involving parents in their child’s early language intervention.
- The need to help children and families as early as possible in a child’s life.

*It Takes Two to Talk* is led by a Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist who has received specialized training through The Hanen Centre.

What parents learn in the *It Takes Two to Talk* program:
- How their child communicates and the next steps to take.
- What motivates their child to communicate.
- How to turn everyday activities into opportunities for their child to learn language.
- How to respond to their child in ways that improve language learning.
- How to talk so that their child can understand them and learn new words and ideas.

Hanen Programs at Early Childhood offer:
- A pre-program consultation for you and your child with a Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist.
- Eight informative and personal classes for small groups of parents. Classes are interactive and include video examples, group or partner activities, and opportunities to practice strategies.
- Three individual video feedback sessions with a Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist so that you can “see” what is helping and discuss specific communication goals and strategies for your child.

More Than Words

The Hanen Program®

for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

About More Than Words

*More Than Words* is a family-focused program that gives parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder practical tools to help their children communicate.

This unique program is offered to parents around the world by Hanen Certified speech-language pathologists who have completed specialized training from The Hanen Centre.

What parents learn in the *More Than Words* program:
- How their child communicates and the next steps to take.
- How their child learns best.
- What motivates their child to communicate.
- How to turn everyday activities into opportunities for learning to communicate.
- How to use pictures and print to help their child’s understanding.
- How to develop their child’s play skills.
- Why their child behaves in certain ways and what they can do about these behaviors.
- How to help their child make friends.