

Bilingual Families

language in the home

MULTIPLE LANGUAGES IN THE HOME

A common misconception is that exposing your child to multiple languages will hinder their language development. Your child's brain is ready to learn language, so let's expose them using the following tips and strategies.



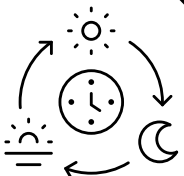
KNOW YOUR CHILD'S THERAPY GOALS

Know your child's therapy goals so you can understand how to target these goals in the home and outside of sessions. It's OK if you need additional time and support to ensure you are understanding and expressing what your individual family goals are.



SPEAK THE LANGUAGES YOU ARE MOST COMFORABLE WITH

Children learn multiple languages best when they hear good models. Provide these models to them by speaking the languages you are most comfortable speaking. Encourage your child to respond to you, whatever their communication style may be, but allow them to speak whichever languages they are most comfortable speaking as well.



INCORPORATE DAILY ROUTINES

Model and practice language and speech goals during activities you do every day at home, such as during mealtime, play time, bath time, bed time, laundry, cleaning, and driving to/from school out in your community. Choose words, phrases, and sounds to say during these tasks in the languages spoken in your home.

We encourage & support you to speak the language(s) you are most comfortable with.



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