Growing up with more than one language

Information for multilingual families

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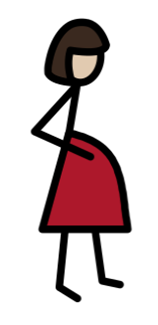


Children’s Speech and Language

Therapy Service

Helping your child talk

Before babies are born they can hear your voice, so helping your child with their talking starts before birth.



A collage of a person with a hammer

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Talk about what you’re doing, what is happening and what you can see throughout the day in your home language.

The best way to help your child with their talking, is to talk to them in your most comfortable language. This means you are providing the best model of language as you will use a variety of words and form clear sentences.

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Sing action songs and nursery rhymes in your home language with your child.

Share any picture books using A book with pictures of animals and a ball

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Why growing up learning more than one language is good

A stick figure with different symbols

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It helps your child to value and share your culture and traditions.

A group of people with a wheelchair

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It helps your child communicate with their wider family and community.

A cartoon of a person with his hand on his chest

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It will have a positive influence on your child’s life.

A cartoon of a person and a group of people

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It helps your child’s thinking and learning as they grow.

Remember

your child will learn much better from play and talking with you, than from any

screen time or

electronic

devices.

Remember, learning language

is fun!

Over 70% of the world’s population speak more than one language!

Learning English

will be easier for your child if they are confident with your home language.

Useful Websites

<https://www.literacytrust.org.uk/early-years/bilingual-quick-tips>

<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://www.multilingual-matters.com>

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