

Check out these links for information about early speech and language development. Click on the [BLUE](#) links.

[Early Speech and Language Development & Communication Disorders](#)

This will take you directly to the public information page of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (ASHA) ASHA is the national professional, scientific and credentialing association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Speech-language pathologists are certified by ASHA after obtaining a master's degree in communication disorders, passing a national exam and completing a post graduate clinical fellowship year.) ASHA's site has information about typical communication development as well as information about communication disorders and delays.

[Interactive Chart of Early Child Development](#)

This link will bring you to an interactive chart of early child development, based on current research by Parenting Counts a product of the Talaris Institute. Click on the area of development that you want to know about, such as language or motor skills. Then click on your child's age level, to see what skills children typically exhibit at that age.

[Birth to 3 Years: parent information](#)

This link will take you directly to the Parents page of the the National Center for Infants, Toddlers & Families. (Zero to Three) Explore this section of this website for a variety of resources on early child development. You'll find easily accessible handouts that are clearly written. The handouts can be easily printed, and they are not too long

[Early Identification of Delays in Development](#)

This link to the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Centers for Disease Control will bring you directly to their home page with a video titled, "Learn the Signs. Act Early." The video, less than 5 minutes, gives a broad overview of early childhood milestones in development.

[Interactive Developmental Milestone Chart](#)

Move your mouse over your child's age to find what children typically can do at different ages.

www.signingsavvy.com/search.php?list=baby

This link will bring you to an online sign language video dictionary. Go to 'Browse Signs,' then click on a topic, such as: numbers; colors; animals; Baby Signs. After you click, then scroll down. On the left side of the page you'll find a list of words. Choose one; click on it & you'll see a brief video showing how to make that sign.

Are you interested in using signs and gestures with your baby? Gestures, signs and pictures can be used - NOT to [replace](#) spoken language, but to [enhance](#) language development. You can use some basic ASL (American Sign Language) signs with your baby, toddler or preschooler. Use the spoken word at the [same time](#) as the gesture. It's fun and can help to encourage

children to speak. Some signs are iconic: the gesture looks like the word acted out. For example, the sign for 'eat' is putting fingers together as if holding a piece of food, and moving it toward the mouth. The sign for 'drink' is holding your hand around an imaginary cup, and moving it to your mouth, as if drinking.

www.stutteringhelp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=6

This link will bring you directly to the 'Parents of Preschoolers' page of the Stuttering Foundation's website.

The Stuttering Foundation's website is easy to navigate, and provides a wealth of info. If you have any concerns that your child might be stuttering, look at "Facts on Stuttering." There is a video on this website entitled, "Stuttering and Your Child."

[Info on Stuttering for Parents of Preschoolers](#)

This link will connect you to the 'Parents & Families' section of the National Stuttering Association's website. The website of the National Stuttering Association has some basic information for families of preschoolers who stutter. Look at their "Top 10" things to do to help your child. This info is taken from their 60 page booklet, "Preschool Children Who Stutter: Information & Support for Parents."

[Early Childhood Development](#)

This link will connect you to the Vermont Dept. of Children & Families. This page has links to provide info about Children's Integrated Family Services and about services available to families with young children in Vermont.

[Hearing Screening](#)

Vermont's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (VTEHDI) is part of the Department's [Children with Special Health Needs](#) services. VTEHDI provides support, training, and case management to families and their babies, hospitals, and community providers.

The program works collaboratively with state and national agencies and organizations to achieve the [National EHDI Goals](#).

- All newborns will be screened for hearing loss by one month of age
- All infants who do not pass the screening will have a diagnostic evaluation by three months of age
- All infant identified with hearing loss will be enrolled in early intervention services by six months of age.

For more information please contact [VTEHDI](#).

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