



# Talk 2 Me

Preschool Speech and Language ~ Early Identification ~ Intervention ~ Education

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**MAY**  
**SPEECH & HEARING MONTH**  
Speak well. Hear well. Live well.

## Did you know....

...that 1 in 10 Canadians has a speech, language or hearing problem

...an estimated 4% of the preschool population has a significant speech or language disorder

...8% to 12% of school children have some form of speech or language impairment

...communication disorders in children are often misdiagnosed as learning disabilities or behavioural problems, and can be very difficult to treat in later years. Children with behavioural problems are ten times more likely than other children to have language disorders

...a child should use 200 or more words by the time they are 2-3 years old and by the age of 4 1/2 their vocabulary should consist of approximately 2000 words

...speech and language disorders are strongly related to failure in reading and writing

...dropout rates in students with communication disorders is 43% compared to 23% in non-impaired students

## Early detection and intervention is vital!

If you have concerns about your child's speech or language development you can contact:

- Talk 2 Me, your local Preschool Speech and Language Program
- Your local School Board's teacher, principal or Special Education Department
- CASLPO ([www.caslpo.com](http://www.caslpo.com))
- OSLA ([www.osla.on.ca](http://www.osla.on.ca))
- OAFCCD ([www.oafccd.com](http://www.oafccd.com))