



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

A Guide for Parents

HOW TO FACILITATE LANGUAGE IN YOUR CHILD

1. Encourage Play

Providing opportunities to play provides more communication opportunities.

2. Imitate your Child

This helps facilitate sound vocalization.

3. Nonverbal and Verbal

Using both forms of communication together builds a foundation for further communication.

4. Leave Pauses in Conversation

Pauses allow for a child to see normal conversation flow.

5. Simplify Language

Allows child to process what is being said and makes it easier from them to imitate speech.

6. Use Child's Interests

Will maintain child's attention longer and child will be excited.

7. Visuals and Technology

Child can use to develop speech and make requests.

8. Structured Routine

Research supports children with ASD excel when they know what to expect.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Founders Center of Commonwealth Autism

(804) 355-1011

Uses family insight and involvement for people to reach full potential

Autism Society Central Virginia

(804) 257-0192

Holds meeting for parents and sponsors activities and events

Richmond Autism Integration Network

(804) 754-0000

Provides social and recreational outlets to enhance health