

Looking Upwards offers Hanen Course

Looking Upwards' Early Intervention is excited to offer a Hanen course for parents. *It Takes Two to Talk* is a course designed for families with toddlers and preschool-age children with speech or language delays.

During the first years of life, parents eagerly await their children's first words. First words typically appear around one year of age. By the time children are 18 months old, they may have a vocabulary of 50 words. In some instances, these milestones are late and parents become concerned.

It Takes Two to Talk helps families understand their child's unique needs and the best approaches to support their child to communicate. Since language is learned through imitation, practicing throughout the day is important. In this course, families discover how to turn everyday interactions into opportunities for language and learning tailored to their child's stage of communication. This consistent practice of specific skills makes a difference, providing the support that helps children to progress.

Parents participate in eight classes led by a Hanen certified speech-language pathologist. Strategies taught in the class are simple and easy to integrate into the family's daily routine. The course instructor also has several meetings with each family individually throughout the program to assist caregivers to use these language strategies with their child.

Looking Upwards' Early Intervention offers *It Takes Two to Talk* on a continual basis. If you would like to learn more about this valuable program, please contact Jessica Weed, M.S., CCC-SLP, Hanen Certified Speech-Language Pathologist at Looking Upwards' Early Intervention at (401) 847-0960 or via email at jweed@lookingupwards.org.