

Early Words Community Support Team

Helping children communicate successfully

Who are we?

- We are a team of communication specialists from Early Words. We help children with specific goals related to communication.
- Our team includes Speech-Language Pathologists, Communicative Disorders Assistants and Early Childhood Resource Specialists.
- We provide services in children's homes and the places where they learn. Learning settings include daycare centres, pre-schools, Ontario Early Years Centres, and Parenting and Family Literacy Centres.

How can we help your child?

- During visits we work directly with your child, one-on-one and in small groups. Visits may be in your home or your child's learning centre.
- We work with you to determine your child's needs, goals and the best ways to help your child communicate successfully. We share this plan with others involved with your child's learning, such as Early Childhood Educators.
- We create tools to support your child's communication and teach your child how to use them.
- Your child will learn new skills naturally, through everyday activities that suit his or her interests and daily routines.
- We collect information to determine what services your child may need in the future to help with communication and development.

How can you support your child?

- Regular attendance at visits is expected and is a very important way to help your child develop their skills. Talk to the clinician for ways to carryover communication skills at home.

How can your child get CST services?

- An Early Words Speech-Language Pathologist can refer your child to our team.
- Early Words Speech-Language Pathologists work in programs at Early Words – Regional Access, McMaster Children's Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.

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