



LANGUAGE INTERVENTION RESEARCH STUDY

~ based on ***MORE THAN WORDS*** ~
the Hanen program for
parents of children with ASD

PARENTS, DO YOU HAVE A CHILD...

- BETWEEN 18 MONTHS AND 5 YEARS OF AGE?
- WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)?
- WHO USES VERY FEW SPOKEN WORDS?

YOU AND YOUR CHILD
MAY BE ELIGIBLE
TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERVENTION
THAT TEACHES PARENTS
HOW TO ENCOURAGE
THEIR CHILD'S SPOKEN LANGUAGE
DEVELOPMENT

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You can also visit the Hanen Center at www.hanen.org

**RESEARCH STUDY
ORIENTATION MEETING
MAY 4th 6:30-8:00 pm OR MAY 11th 6:30-8:00pm**

***More Than Words* – the Hanen Program
for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

Parents and children are needed for a research study based upon *More Than Words* – the Hanen program for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders. Orientation meetings for parents will provide an overview of this research project. During the orientation meeting, parents will have the opportunity to view an introductory video, ask questions, and learn about *More Than Words* and this project. Orientation meetings are scheduled at the Waisman Center in Room 114.

Interested parents must attend one of the orientation meetings.

More Than Words is a family-centered, naturalistic language program designed to provide parents of children with autism, under the age of 5, with a set of practical tools they can use to support their child's language development. The *More Than Words* program is implemented by a speech pathologist who holds the certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and who has completed additional training from the Hanen Center in Toronto, Canada.

More Than Words is not designed to replace other interventions for children with ASD but provides a potential resource for parents who want to learn strategies to facilitate communication and language skills during everyday routines and activities.

This research study will last 8 weeks and will include a pre-program assessment and consultation, 5 parent education sessions, 14 small-group parent-child play sessions and 2 individualized parent-child coaching sessions. There is a follow-up visit 8 weeks after the end of the program

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Parents and their children with autism under the age of 5 are invited to participate in a language intervention research study at the Waisman Center, UW-Madison. This research project is based upon More Than Words – the Hanen program for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders (www.hanen.org).

More Than Words is a family-centered, naturalistic language intervention program designed to provide parents with a set of practical strategies they can use to support their child's language development. The program will be implemented by an ASHA-certified speech/language pathologist who is licensed in Wisconsin and has received specialized training from the Hanen Center.

The intervention project will begin in June and will last 8 weeks. Participants will receive a pre-program assessment and consultation, 5 parent education sessions, 14 small-group parent-child play sessions and 2 individualized parent-child coaching sessions. There is a follow-up visit 8 weeks after the end of the program. Interested parents are invited to attend an orientation session on either May 4 or May 11th from 6:30-8:00pm in room 114 of the Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Avenue, Madison.

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