CHILD LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH DAILY ROUTINES

WHAT APPROACHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

COMMON PARENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Early Start Denver Model
Focus: adaptive behaviors within activities of daily living using positive reinforcement to bring about change for children with autism
Provider: often a highly trained aid or parent
Time required for intervention: 15-20 hours per week provided during everyday routines
Training required: approximately 1-1.5 hours for 26 weeks
Research findings: proves more effective than traditional/typical language therapy

Hanen - It Takes Two to Talk
Focus: general language stimulation during parent-child interactions
Provider: parents
Time required for intervention: provided as often as possible
Training required: approximately 8-1-hour group training sessions; 3-1-hour coaching sessions by the company
Research findings: the more therapy provided, the better the child outcomes

Enhanced Milieu Training
Focus: utilizes environmental arrangements to promote child language initiation followed by modeling and expansion of child’s production; ideal for children with few words
Provider: parents
Time required for intervention: provided as often as possible
Training required: training reflects a teach, model, coach and review approach with 1:1 teaching process in a 3-hour interactive workshop; video recording and sharing of interactions provide reflecting coaching opportunities
Research findings: works well for many disorders such as autism, intellectual disorder, developmental disorder, language disorder and children with hearing loss

OPPORTUNE TIMES FOR THESE ROUTINES

Research by Dunst et al. found 22 different categories of life events that can provide everyday learning opportunities including...

- driving in the car
- grocery shopping
- bedtime stories
- taking walks
- bath time
- dressing & undressing
- meal times
- outdoor play

References:

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