



## Don't Wait and See!

### Is your child ready for Kindergarten?

It is very important that your child be able to speak clearly and ask questions, listen and follow instructions, and play appropriately with other children. **10-12% of preschool children have speech and language difficulties that will make it hard for them to succeed in school and in life.**

Take a moment to think about your child's speech and language skills:

### Can your 4 year old:

- Follow instructions with three or more steps? e.g. "First get your crayons and paper, then draw a picture and then give it to Grandma."?
- Use adult-type grammar?
- Tell stories with a clear beginning, middle and end?
- Talk to try to solve problems with adults and other children?
- Be understood by strangers almost all of the time?
- Make up simple rhymes e.g. Cat – Bat?
- Match some letters with their sounds e.g. letter T says "tuh"?
- Start a conversation and keep it going on the same topic for at least three turns?

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If you are concerned about your child's speech and language skills or are interested in how your child is doing, call the Language Express Preschool Speech System at **1-888-503-8885**. A speech-language assessment can identify your child's strengths and needs and can help you prepare your child for school. For more information, check out our website: [www.language-express.ca](http://www.language-express.ca)

Junior Kindergarten-aged children born in 2009 must be referred before January 31, 2014 to receive an assessment and recommendations. **After January 31<sup>st</sup>, referrals will only be accepted for children born in 2010 or later.**

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