

What are some signs of a Communication Disorder?

- ❑ Your child has difficulty talking, listening and socializing with other children and adults.
- ❑ Your child has difficulty being understood, may mispronounce sounds or words, or is unable to put words into sentences.
- ❑ Your child has difficulty following directions or instructions, answering questions or understanding stories.
- ❑ Your child stutters and/or repeats sounds, words or phrases.
- ❑ Your child is a reluctant communicator and speaks only to familiar adults.
- ❑ Your child becomes frustrated when attempting to communicate.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's speech or language?

- ✓ Trust your instincts!!
- ✓ Talk to your doctor or the classroom teacher.
- ✓ Find out about services in your community or school.
- ✓ Join the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders.

OAFCCD Organization

- OAFCCD is a non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors.
- OAFCCD operates a website www.oafccd.com with information for parents, families and caregivers.
- OAFCCD has a network of Chapters across the province. Each Chapter has a leader that you can call for information about local meetings and activities, or about services in your area.
- OAFCCD is eligible to nominate parent volunteers to represent local families on school board Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC). SEAC members provide advice to Trustees about special education services.
- OAFCCD advocates for a full continuum of publicly funded speech and language services for children provided by qualified professionals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact OAFCCD at
Phone: (519) 842-9506
or FAX: (519) 688-4889
or check the Internet site at:
www.oafccd.com

Membership is open to families, professionals and individuals that have an interest in communication disorders.

To join, tear off and return to your local Chapter, or send to:

**O.A.F.C.C.D.
P.O. Box 63
Tillsonburg, Ontario,
N4G 4H4**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone:() _____

Parent: _____

Professional: _____

If you are a professional, please indicate what organization you work for.

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Please enclose \$25.00 Membership Fee with your application.
(Fees may be waived on request.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION

- Effective communication is fundamental to all aspects of human functioning. However, approximately one out of every ten Canadians has a communication disorder.
- A communication disorder is a persistent difficulty in the understanding and use of spoken or written language.
- Communication Disorders can be divided into four areas: Language; Articulation, Voice; and Stuttering.
- If a parent is concerned about their child's speech or language skills, they are usually right. Speech and language services are available and can make a difference. Do not "wait and see", trust your instincts and get help for your child.
- Early detection, identification and treatment of communication disorders is essential. Failure to receive professional help may lead to additional problems in educational, social, psychological, emotional and vocational areas.

OAFCCD VISION

All children will have access to a continuum of speech and language services to support their successful participation at home, in school and in the community.

OAFCCD Mission

Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders works with families and community partners to ensure children have access to speech and language services. The goals of OAFCCD are to:

- Increase public awareness regarding the need and benefit of services.
- Provide support and information to families.
- Support families to advocate for speech and language services their child need
- Work with community partners to enhance speech and language services.
- Advocate with government and provincial organizations for adequate public funding of speech and language services.
- Maintain an effective volunteer structure and viable organization.

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