#### **Raising Young Communicators**

#### While we are gathering, think about your own language learning:



How many languages were spoken

in your home growing up?

Were there rules or expectations about

how you spoke to others?

- Did your family talk a lot or was it a fairly quiet home?
- How did you spend time with your friends and family?
- Is the way you grew up different or similar to how you are raising your own family?





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#### What is communication???

speech talking gestures understanding actions sounds listening reciprocal behavior singing



## Communication is life-long...







#### And starts before birth!





Talking back and forth (conversational communication) is the top tier of the "communication cake".

There are a lot of foundational skills that are formed first:

- Shared engagement
- Imitation (motor and vocal)
  - Understanding language
    - Turn-taking
    - Responding to <u>name</u>
      - Babbling
      - Jargon
- Putting words together in novel phrases

# Communication does not develop in isolation. It is also influenced by:

- → basic needs (safety, health, nutrition, sleep)
- → other developmental domains
- → expectations
- → opportunities
- → personality

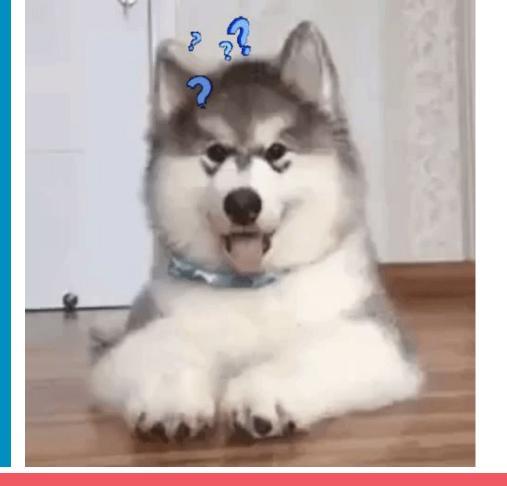


# Where is language heard?

In language-rich environments: daily chores - errands - play - community activities - shared activities - peers family



# Thoughts and Questions?





### THANK YOU FOR COMING!



