

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 name
 - ♥ 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!

