

More Than Words® — The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties



The Hanen *More Than Words* Program was designed specifically for parents of young children on the autism spectrum and with other social communication difficulties. Addressing the unique needs of these children, the program provides parents with the tools, strategies and support they need to help their children reach their full communication potential.

Here are some of the valuable things you'll learn when you attend the *More Than Words* Program:

- What motivates your child to communicate
- How to use your knowledge about your child to set appropriate and realistic goals
- How to make interactions with your child last longer
- Tips for using pictures and print to help your child's understanding
- Strategies for how to talk so that your child understands you
- Strategies for developing your child's play skills
- Ways to help your child make friends

Program Components

- 8 training sessions in small, personalized groups VIA TELEHEALTH
- Three individual visits for you and your child with your speech-language pathologist in which you are videotaped while practicing with your child. Then you and your speech-language pathologist watch the videotaped interaction to "see" what's helping and what you can modify to help even more (VIA TELEHEALTH)
- A Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist leading the program
- A pre-program consultation for you and your child with your speech-language pathologist
- Please note: the Hanen MTW curriculum builds throughout the program. Therefore, at least one parent must commit to attending all 12 sessions (i.e., parents cannot trade off attending sessions).

Costs (none!)

- *More Than Words Class*: This program typically costs > \$1,500. **However, grant funding from Developmental Pathways will cover the cost of the program for Spring 2022.**
- *More Than Words Guidebook, 2nd Edition: A Parent's Guide to Building Interaction and Language Skills for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties*. The guidebook typically costs \$54, but will be offered **free to loan** through the length of the course.

Details

The Hanen More Than Words Program is a 12-week program that will be offered via telehealth on Tuesdays from 9-11am March 1 – May 17. There will be a pre-program orientation scheduled before or during the first week. There will also be 3 weeks during the program with no group training and an individual video visit scheduled instead.

Interested? Questions?

Contact Hannah Mellman, M.A. CCC-SLP at hannahslp@developmentalfx.org for more information.

To learn more about the Hanen MTW Program, visit: <http://www.hanen.org/Programs/For-Parents/More-Than-Words.aspx>.

To learn more about your Hanen certified speech-language pathologist, visit: <https://developmentalfx.org/our-people/>.