

SAY what you think your CHILD MEANS

If your child does not use words, or you don't understand what was said,
say it as your child would if they could.

Give your child a good, clear model of how the words should sound, without calling attention to the error.

For example:

Child: "ba"

Parent: "Bird, yes there's the bird!"

Give your child the words for sounds or gestures that they use.

For example:

Child: Reaches for juice and grunts, "ah-ah"

Parent: Interprets that child wants juice and says, "Juice. Want Juice?"

Parent then pours child juice.

Child: Screams and begins to cry when parent presents book at bed time.

Parent: Interprets that child does not want to read book and say, "No, no book!"

Parent offers child a different book to read or another night time activity



How to connect with support:

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children's Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

Visit www.lansdownecentre.ca/speech

Call toll free 1-800-454-7186 ext. 507