

## About The Hanen Centre

Founded in 1975, The Hanen Centre is a Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization with a global reach. Our mission is to provide parents, caregivers, early childhood educators and Speech-language Pathologists/Therapists with the knowledge and training they need to help young children develop the best possible language, social and literacy skills. This includes children with or at risk of language delays and those with developmental challenges such as Autism Spectrum Disorder.



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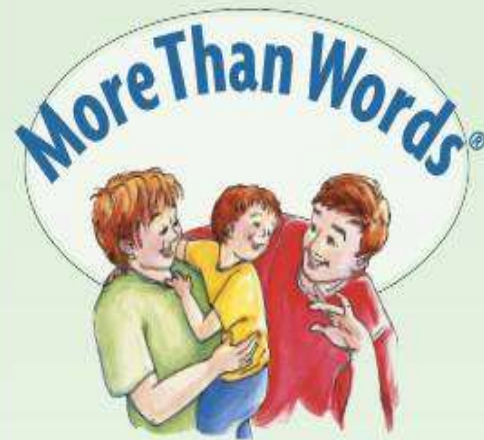
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## The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties

*Helping you turn every moment  
of your child's life into an  
opportunity to communicate*

### Information for Parents



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# More Than Words®

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for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or  
Social Communication Difficulties

### About the More Than Words® Program

*More Than Words* is a program that provides parents of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or social communication difficulties with practical tools to help their children communicate.

This unique program was developed by expert speech-language pathologists at The Hanen Centre. *More Than Words* is offered to parents around the world by Hanen Certified Speech-Language Pathologists/Therapists who have received specialized training from The Hanen Centre.

### Why Are Parents Involved in the *More Than Words* Program?

Parents are the most important people in their child's life, as well as their child's best teacher. As a parent, one of the greatest gifts you can give your child is the help he or she needs to communicate and connect with the world. In the *More Than Words* Program, you learn practical and powerful strategies to help your child communicate and interact during everyday routines and

activities. It is within these familiar and repetitive interactions that your child's communication skills will grow.

### What Parents Learn in the *More Than Words* Program

- How your child communicates right now and the next steps to take
- How your child learns best and how to take advantage of these preferences
- What motivates your child to communicate
- How to turn everyday activities into opportunities for learning to communicate
- How to help your child understand what you say
- How to develop your child's play skills
- How to help your child make friends

