



Adaptations for Parents

Parents are most influential in a child's ability to communicate. Here are some ideas to help parents become involved with your classroom efforts to expand children's conversational skills.

- Show *Something to Say* to groups of parents or to individual parents on home visits.
- Help parents learn and practice conversation skills with young children on home visits. It not only builds language skills for children, but it is also a wonderful way to enhance parent-child interactions.
- Activities #3 and #4 are perfect to help parent groups practice. Or, if they are in the classroom, invite them to practice commenting, waiting, and repeating with the children.
- Keep parents up-to-date on their child's successful attempts to express him or herself. Give them real-life examples and cute quotes from their child's day at school. This helps parents understand the importance of language development and gives them a chance to share in the excitement about their child's progress!