

A Memo for Speech and Language Support in the Home

Parents and Caregivers,

You have probably heard us mention “core words” at our HBIC/CHDS IEPs or if you have been hanging out at our campus. We know that core words are important vocabulary for your students to be able to communicate as many messages as possible. Please watch this short video under 3 minutes to learn more about what core words are, since we have sent home communication booklets and boards, or even devices that have these core vocabulary words included. We have also included a core word of the day calendar in our initial speech and language packet that was sent home.

What Are Core Words?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UG5JeH2H_OY&feature=emb_logo

Now that you have learned about the what core words are, and their importance, you might be wondering how to better support your student in the home with their communication. Each student has their own unique ways to communicate which we may refer to as total communication, or whichever way is easiest for the student. For some students that is by using their visuals through the communication books or board, as well as their devices. Please see this short 3.5-minute video on supporting visuals for communication while you are in the home or on the go! The point is to use it ALL THE TIME for lots and lots of practice.

How to use a Communication Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-aam4LI3kc>

Now that you have learned how to support using the visuals in the home, the next step would be to watch the progress happening. Over time, as your student learns to tap single words (core words) to communicate their ideas, you can begin to pair core words together to make 2- and 3-word phrases. Take a look at this 2.5-minute video to see how you can help you student build sentences throughout their day using core words in their vocabulary in more ways than just requesting. Please see the COMMUNICATION BOARD attached to help support your student in the home.

How to Build Sentences Using Core Words

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=50&v=NXvT1-WVq5M&feature=emb_logo

Tessy, SLPA and myself (Stephanie, SLP) are here to support you and your family as you continue to learn more about core words and ways to help the students use them in their communication. Please let us know if you need access to any pictures, words, or suggestions on how to model core words in the home. We are here to assist. We hope you enjoyed these simple and straight forward videos brought to you by Rachel Madel, SLP.

*For accessing these videos, you can copy and paste the link into your web browser.

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