



## 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

- **\$850 per family for the 12 week course.** There is limited financial support available for Colorado-based families for whom paying the tuition would be a financial hardship.
- *More Than Words Guidebook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: A Parent's Guide to Building Interaction and Language Skills for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties.* The guidebook can be purchased for about \$54, however we will offer it **free to loan** through the length of the course.

### **Schedule**

The Hanen More Than Words Program is a 12-week program that will be offered via telehealth on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm, September 7 - December 7**. There will be a pre-program orientation scheduled during the first week, and 3 weeks during the program with an individual video visit scheduled instead of group training. There are two weeks with no class at all due to holiday observances. Please see the full schedule for additional details.

### **Interested? Questions?**

Contact Hannah Mellman Zax, M.A. CCC-SLP at [hannahslp@developmentalfx.org](mailto: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/>.