



### Academic Success

**Research shows that being exposed to more than one language:**

- Supports academic success in English, Math, Reading, and Writing\*
- Gives students an early start on language requirements for middle school, high school, and college
- Improves a child's score on standardized tests like the SAT for college acceptance\*
- Improves a student's chance of getting into college

### Mental and Social Development

**Learning more than one language can:**

- Help children develop problem-solving and listening skills
- Give a child more flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language, and a better ear for listening
- Reinforce the idea that a child's home language is part of his or her cultural heritage
- Promote children's self-esteem and pride in their own backgrounds
- Improve early literacy

### Increased Opportunities in the Future

**Knowing more than one language may help your child:**

- Have better job opportunities in the growing global economy
- Understand cultural differences and learn about anti-bias practices
- Communicate more freely throughout the world

#### National Resources:

Child Care Aware:

Pamphlet: "Learning to Read & Write Begins at Birth"

\*National Council of State Supervisors for Language

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

National Association for the Education of Young Children \*

### You can Support Your Child's Language Development

- Encourage your child to practice learning two languages, either by maintaining a home language or learning a different language.
- Show your child that you value both languages — your home language and a new language.
- Give your child lots of fun and meaningful chances to talk, read, and pretend-write in both languages.
- Don't worry if your child uses multiple languages in one sentence.



## Language Development and Early Literacy

Language Development begins at birth.

Babbling, talking, recognizing letters and sounds, knowing what pictures and signs mean are all part of early literacy.

Mixing multiple languages in one sentence is a sign of strong language development!

**Your child care provider can help your child build language skills.**

### Quality child care programs:

- Create language rich environments for children of all ages.
- Incorporate their own first languages into their programs and teach their languages to the children.
- Give children lots of time for scribbling, drawing pictures, memorizing, and pretend reading.
- Encourage families to share their home languages and cultures through picture books and daily communication.

For more information about finding quality child care programs and early language development please call 1-877-512-3948 and ask to speak with a Resource Specialist.

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