

## Articulation

What to do if you can't understand your child:

1. Ask your child a question in a different way  
Eg. If your initial question was "What do you want to eat?" change it to "Do you want a carrot or a cookie?"
2. Try to get more information from them.  
Eg. "Is that a toy?", "Do you want juice?"
3. Have your child "show" you what they are talking about.
4. Ask questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no".
5. Add more words to what your child says.  
Eg. If your child says "ba" you might say "Bathroom. Do you need to go to the bathroom?"
6. Observe your child while they are talking and use their actions and facial expressions to help you understand what the child has said.
7. Talk about the here and now.  
(talk about what you are doing, objects around you)

Parents can refer their child to the Halton-Peel Preschool Speech Language Services Program, from birth to December 15<sup>th</sup> of their J.K. year, by calling 905-855-2690.

If your child is attending school parents can contact their child's classroom teacher, school principal or Speech-Language Pathologist servicing their child's school, to discuss any concerns.