

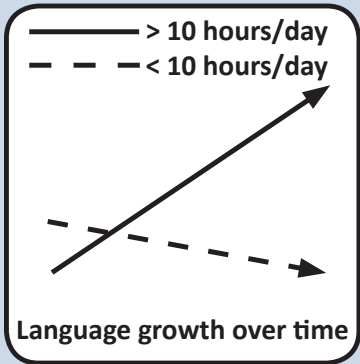


# YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Results from the Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss Study



## LANGUAGE GROWTH IS SUPPORTED BY HEARING AID USE



Wearing hearing aids at least 10 hours per day helps children learn language faster than children who do not wear hearing aids consistently, making it more likely they will develop age-appropriate language. Children who wear hearing aids less than 10 hours per day learn language at a slower rate and may fall behind.



Talk to your provider about how your child hears with hearing aids.



Ask for help if wearing hearing aids is challenging for your child.



Perform daily hearing aid listening checks to ensure good access to speech.

## CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE IS IMPACTED BY WHAT YOU SAY

Children learn best when you talk about what they are focused on. When young children gesture or make sounds, talk about what they are looking at. When older children talk, rephrase what they said using slightly longer sentences.



Children learn language and social skills when you talk about what you and others are thinking. Use words like remember, believe, and feel.



Children benefit from language that is a little more complex than what they use. Don't simplify what you say too much.



To make it easier for your child to listen and learn, stay close to your child and limit TV and other noise in your home.



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