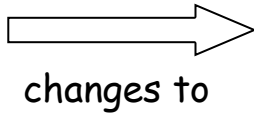




# EarlyON Child and Family Centre News Haliburton County



As of January 2018, Ontario's children and families will have access to early learning programs and services through EarlyON Child and Family Centres. For more information <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyPrograms.html>

For our community these programs will be offered by our familiar, welcoming staff at the same centres (Haliburton and Minden), **Tuesday-Friday 9:00-12:30**. Watch for the opening of new programs in some of our smaller communities in 2018! We will continue to keep you updated regarding programming with our calendars, e-blasts and in-centre posters; and our website continues to be [www.oeyc.ca](http://www.oeyc.ca)

Special programs on Fridays starting in January are Flannel Fridays in Haliburton and First Arts in Minden.



Thank you to the Haliburton County Food Network for directing donations from the Heather Golba Memorial fund towards the healthy snack provided at the Wilberforce Play and Learn Program.

Heather and her daughters regularly attended our program, and this thoughtful gesture will be appreciated by the families.

## Winter 2018

### Haliburton Centre Hours

Tuesday through Friday  
9:00 am. to 12:30 pm. for songs,  
crafts, early learning activities  
and free play.

**JD Hodgson School  
Room 204  
Call Brenda or Wendy at  
705-306-9099**

### Minden Centre Hours

Tuesday through Friday  
9:00 am. to 12:30 pm. for songs,  
crafts, early learning activities  
and free play.

**Archie Stouffer School  
Room 125B  
Call Julie or Jan at  
705-306-9098**

### Children's Learning Centre

Licensed Childcare  
Monday to Friday  
Preschool & Toddler  
programs  
7:30 am.- 5:45 pm.  
After School program at  
Archie Stouffer School  
3:30 to 5:45

Call 705-286-4074  
16 Prentice St. Minden

### North Community Connections Coordinator

Call Bev at 705-286-4625.

## Christmas Closure

Both Minden and Haliburton OEYC's last day open will be  
December 20 and re-open on

**Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

We hope you and your family  
have a wonderful holiday together!  
From the OEYC staff



## How to Tell if Your Child is a Late Talker - And What to Do about It

*By Lauren Lowry, Hanen Certified Speech-Language Pathologist*

Are you wondering if your child may be a late talker? Your child is developing normally in every other way, he/she understands everything you say, but you wonder "should I be concerned" or "wait and see". Others have said someone in the family "didn't talk until they were 3", or "boys talk late", or the doctor told them to wait until their child was at least 2 years.

### **Who is a "Late Talker"?**

A "Late Talker" is a toddler (between 18-30 months) who has good understanding of language, typically developing play skills, motor skills, thinking skills, and social skills, but has a limited spoken vocabulary for his or her age. The difficulty late talking children have is specifically with spoken language. This group of children have all of the building blocks for spoken language, yet they don't talk or talk very little.

Researchers have determined that Late Talkers are more likely to have a family history of early language delay, to be male, and to have been born at less than 85% of their optimal birth weight, or at less than 37 weeks gestation. It has also been determined that approximately 13% of two year olds are late talkers.

### **Important Language Milestones**

The following can help you determine if your child's vocabulary is appropriate for his or her age. If your child has not yet reached these milestones, it is recommended you speak with a Speech and Language Pathologist:

- **18 month** olds should use least **20 words**, including different types of words, such as nouns ("baby", "cookie"), verbs ("eat", "go"), prepositions ("up", "down"), adjectives ("hot", "sleepy"), and social words ("hi", "bye").
- **24 month** olds should use at least **100 words** and combine 2 words together. These word combinations should be generated by the child, and not be combinations that are "memorized chunks" of language, such as "thank you", "bye, bye", "all gone", or "What's that?". Examples of true word combinations would be "doggie gone", "eat cookie", or "dirty hands".

### **Do Children who are Late Talkers Catch Up on their Own?**

About half of late talkers do "grow out of it", but about half don't. Studies are showing that the group of late talkers who seem to catch up on their own without intervention, do not perform as well as their peers in certain aspects of language use such as, language complexity and grammar. The Hanen Centre recommends intervention for all toddlers presenting as Late Talkers, in order to prevent further language difficulties later on.

If you think your child may be a late talker, it's never too early to seek help. We know that the earlier we start to help children, the better their outcomes.

### **You can:**

- Consult a speech-language pathologist about your child through Five Counties Children's Centre at 705-286-0737, ext 3901, or call the Lindsay office 1-888-706-4734.
- Have your child's hearing evaluated - even if you think your child is hearing just fine, it is important to make sure he is hearing sounds at a variety of volumes and pitches. Even slight hearing impairments can cause difficulties with speech and language development.

You can also find information at [www.hanen.org](http://www.hanen.org), [www.kidstalk.on.ca](http://www.kidstalk.on.ca) or 1-866-888-4577

*The information provided here has been adapted from an article on The Hanen Centre website.  
To read the full article please go to [hanen.org/helpful-info](http://hanen.org/helpful-info), or google "late talkers Hanen"  
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