Program Leader:

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Amanda is a Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist. She received her master’s degree from the University of Colorado-Boulder and currently works as an Instructor at JFK Partners which is part of the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado- Denver. Amanda provides preschool based speech language services to infants, toddlers, and preschool age children and their families at the Rise School of Denver. In addition to her responsibilities at the Rise School, Amanda provides home based early intervention services through ENRICH and clinic based services through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic at JFK Partners.

Session Information:
The Hanen Program requires a 12-week commitment from families and includes a Pre-Program Consultation, 8 group sessions and 3 in-home videotape coaching sessions.

Dates:  
**A FREE orientation** will be held at the Rise School of Denver on Tuesday August 20, 2013 at the Rise School of Denver from 4:30-5:30. Please RSVP to Amanda Vargo at 303-519-2260 or Amanda.vargo@ucdenver.edu if you plan to attend.

**1 Pre-program consultation** is arranged with each family prior to the start of the Group Sessions. The consultation will last approximately one to 1 ½ hours. The purpose of this appointment is to help the SLP get to know your family’s concerns and do an informal assessment of your child’s communication. The SLP will also make a brief videotape of you interacting with your child. This tape is used to help us become aware of how both you and your child interact and communicate.

**8 Group Sessions** will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 (time subject to change based on family availability so don’t let the time deter you from learning more):

- September 10th, 17th, 2013
- October 1st, 8th, 15th, 23rd, and 29th, 2013
- November 5th, 2013

**3 Individual Sessions** will be scheduled with Amanda during the weeks of September 17th, October 15th, and October 29th, 2013

Location:  
The Rise School of Denver  
4949 E. Eastman Ave.  
Denver, CO 80222  
(Location inside University Hills Lutheran Church at the northeast intersection of E. Eastman Ave. and Dahlia, between Hampden and Yale off S Dahlia Street.)
Fee: $1500 (to be paid in full or in 3 segments) includes all group and individual sessions. Families enrolled in Part C Early intervention may be eligible for funding for Hanen if the services are deemed necessary as part of a child’s IFSP. In addition, some insurance companies may provide coverage.

Materials: All handouts are included in the cost of the course. It Takes Two to Talk: A Practical Guide for Parents and Children with Language Delays is a guidebook written for parents on how to encourage their child’s language development will be loaned to families during the course and returned at the end of the class.

Selection of Groups: Parents are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis and will be placed in groups of 4 to 8 families.

Detailed Program outline:

This schedule outlines the content of the group sessions and individual visits of the It Takes Two to Talk Program. The major topics that will be introduced at each session are listed. Each topic has a corresponding chapter in the parent guidebook It Takes Two to Talk: A Practical Guide for Parents of Children with Language Delays.

**Session 1: Let Your Child Lead** (Chapters 1 and 2)

Date: September 10th, 2013

In this session, you’ll gain insight into how and why your child communicates. Find out why it’s important to get face to face and how to Observe, Wait and Listen (OWL) to let your child start the interaction.

**Session 2: Follow Your Child’s Lead** (Chapter 3)

Date: September 17th, 2013

This session is devoted to one of the most important strategies in the It Takes Two to Talk Program. In this session, you’ll learn how to follow your child’s lead so that the interaction between you and your child can grow.

**Individual Visit 1**

To be scheduled during the week of September 17th-October 1st, 2013

This first individual visit gives you the opportunity to use what you’ve learned so far that will help you let your child lead and follow his/her lead. Your program leader will videotape you and your child in either a daily routine or a play activity and will give you some guidance and coaching as you go. Afterwards, you’ll watch the tape together and see how using the strategies is helping your child.

**Session 3: Take Turns to Keep the Interaction Going** (Chapters 4 and 5)

Date: October 1st, 2013

You’ll learn how to keep an interaction going by creating opportunities for your child to take turns in a conversation. The longer your child stays in an interaction, the more opportunities there are to learn language. You’ll also learn how easy it is to adjust everyday routines to help your child learn language.

**Session 4: Add Language to the Interaction** (Chapter 6)
Date: October 8th, 2013
You’ll learn how to add language to the interaction to help your child understand new words and express himself/herself in new ways.

**Session 5: Add Language to Build Understanding** (Chapter 6)
Date: October 15th, 2013
You’ll find out how to add language to build your child’s understanding of the world. This is a different way of adding language, which involves talking about things that your child may not yet understand. You’ll also learn how to set communication goals to help your child learn new ways of expressing himself/herself.

**Individual Visit 2**
To be scheduled during the week of: October 15th, 2013
Your program leader will videotape you and your child, just like in Individual Visit 1. In this visit you’ll have an opportunity to add language that will help your child take turns and achieve a specific communication goal.

**Session 6: Let’s Play!** (Chapter 7)
Date: October 22nd, 2013
Find out how play can be the best way to help your child learn language. You’ll learn how to use all of the *It Takes Two to Talk* strategies when you play with your child, and how to incorporate communication goals into play activities. Bring your child’s favorite toy to this session.

**Session 7: Sharing Books** (Chapter 8)
Date: October 29th, 2013
You learn how to incorporate *It Takes Two to Talk* strategies as you share books and enrich your child’s language learning opportunities. You’ll also learn how to choose the best books for your child based on his or her stage of communication. Bring your child’s favorite book to this session.

**Individual Visit 3**
To be scheduled during the week of October 29th, 2013
Your program leader will videotape you and your child, just like in the previous individual visits. You’ll have a chance to apply all of the strategies you’ve learned during book sharing and play activities.

**Session 8: Moving Forward with Music** (Chapter 9)
Date: November 5th, 2013
Explore the value of songs and rhymes as a way to encourage interaction and language learning. You’ll learn how to incorporate all the *It Takes Two to Talk* strategies as you design a music routine using a popular children’s song and you’ll create a song routine based on your child’s interests and stage of communication. During this final session you will also have an opportunity to reflect on what you learned during the program and how the program helped you and your child.