

GROWING WITH DLD

Strategies to support communication with people with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) across the lifespan.

For All Ages

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- Speak loud enough.
- Make writing clear and legible.

3-5 years

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- Explain the meaning of new words.
- Add words to make child's sentence complete.
- Don't talk too long in each turn.

6-10 years

- Model complete and grammatical sentences.
- Describe complex ideas using simple language.
- Help child put sentences together to tell a story.
- Allow plenty of time for child to respond.

11-18 years

- Describe how words are related to each other to increase understanding.
- Model how to use self-talk to think through ideas and make plans.
- Ask if they need you to share information in a different way.
- Encourage individuals to ask questions when they don't understand.

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