

# The More Than Words® Program for Parents of Children with Social Communication Challenges: A Pilot Pragmatic Randomized Control Trial

## WHO can participate?

PARENT /  
CAREGIVER  
+  
CHILD

- Child is under 4 years old
- Child has challenges in communicating and interacting with others
- **More Than Words®** program recommended by speech-language pathologist
- Parent is comfortable communicating in English

## WHAT does the study involve?

1. **Parents complete More Than Words® - The Hanen Program® for Parents of Autistic Children or Children Who May Benefit from Social Communication Support**, a 3-month program delivered online by a speech-language pathologist that includes:
  - 8 interactive group training sessions with other parents
  - 3 personalized video-feedback sessions with you and your child
2. **Child and parent progress monitoring** occurs before and after the program with:
  - Online questionnaires
  - Videorecorded parent-child interactions

### To show our appreciation...

- Compensation for study forms & videos
- Free More Than Words program
- Free summary of child progress

## WHEN does the study take place?

1. Programs run between January-August 2026
  - Group sessions on Saturday mornings or Monday evenings
  - Individual sessions scheduled at times convenient to you
2. 50:50 chance of starting the program with or without a 3-month monitoring period
3. Child and parent progress monitoring every 3 months for 9-12 months

## WHERE does the study take place?

- In your home on your tablet or computer
  - More Than Words® delivered by The Hanen Centre over Zoom
  - Study forms and videos shared on private and secure research data servers



### To see if you are eligible or for more information:

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