

Tips for talking to your

Bilingual

Children

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#1 BE INTENTIONAL

Create opportunities to speak to your child in your native language or minority language and provide lots of exposure in that language. Remember that everyday activities such as mealtimes, bath time, and play time are opportunities for teaching. Be enthusiastic and make learning a language fun.

#2 BE CONSISTENT

If your child is speaking in the majority language, consistently speak to them in the minority language. Children are able to pick up languages quite quickly if given a good amount of exposure. Repetition and modeling is key!

#3 BE PERSISTENT

Bilingualism does not cause language delays, it stimulates cognitive development and social emotional development. Don't give up if your child's language proficiency or skills seem to fluctuate over time in their two languages. Be patient as they learn to navigate between 2 languages.

"Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things."
- Flora Lewis

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