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The Building Better Speech Manual – A guide to speech and language development and intervention by Jessica Nappi-Silletti

“It is estimated that communication disorders...affect one of every 5 people in the United States.” (LD online)

The *Building Better Speech Manual - A guide to speech and language development and intervention*, written by Jessica Nappi-Silletti, assists parents in identifying, assessing, monitoring and correcting speech in children, as well as, provides information on specialists. Disordered language negatively affects behavior, peer relationships, educational achievements and long-term self esteem.

As a parent/caregiver for a child the drive to protect their well-being is overwhelming, however many parents do not realize that speech and/or language disorders frequently turn innocent children into targets for their peers. The Wikipedia - an online encyclopedia states “suffering from a speech disorder can have negative social effects, especially among young children”. Parents can improve speech and language in the privacy of their own home with the *Building Better Speech Manual - A guide to speech and language development and intervention*.

Education is important to parents but many do not recognize the relationship between a child’s language ability and academic performance. “Children with communication disorders frequently do not perform at grade level” (American Speech and Hearing Association - website). It is imperative that every child have the tools for success, therefore if speech and/or language intervention is necessary one must be pro-active to prevent long-term learning and communication issues.

The manual is easy to read, and can be used for children as young as 9 months. Developmental charts, definitions, activities and sound loaded word lists are included. *Building Better Speech Manual - A guide to speech and language development and intervention* is available now at BarnesandNoble.com, and Amazon.com for \$24.95.

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