

# Are There any Concerns about a Child's **Speech-Language** Development?

## SECURING RELIABLE HELP: TWO ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

*There are two key resources to help caregivers navigate and secure access to speech-language services and support.*

**CHILD HAS KNOWN SPEECH-LANGUAGE NEED** + **↓** **UNDER 34 MONTHS OLD**

The Regional Center of Orange County offers an Early Start Program that focuses on children from birth - 34 months. Contact Regional Center to determine if this program is suitable for the child.

Care coordination with Regional Center includes:

- Connections to speech evaluations within 45 days
- Referrals for Early Intervention services after evaluation
- Dedicated staff to coordinate the process

**RC OC** **Comfort Connection Family Resource Center**  
REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

- Call 714-796-5354 (Regional Center Intake)
- Email [ccfrc@rcocdd.com](mailto:ccfrc@rcocdd.com)
- Drop by 1525 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**CHILD MAY HAVE SPEECH-LANGUAGE NEEDS** + **↓** **UNDER 9 YEARS OLD**

Help Me Grow connects families to resources for services including, but not limited to, resources for speech-language services for children prenatal through eight years old.

Care coordination includes:

- Tailored recommendations, referrals, and contact information for services and resources that are available and appropriate
- Live conversations with care coordinators who have expertise in early childhood development
- Follow-up care coordination with caregivers to ensure connection to services
- Providers receive closed-loop referrals, with consent from caregivers, that will inform them of referrals and outcomes

  
**Help Me Grow**  
ORANGE COUNTY

**Help Me Grow Orange County**

- Call 1-866-476-9025 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Or visit [www.helpmegrowoc.org](http://www.helpmegrowoc.org) to use the online portal to refer families 24/7, seven days a week. Care coordinators will reach out to caregivers via phone calls, emails, and text messages.

**GET SUPPORT TODAY**

# Help **Prepare Caregivers** for What to Expect

## TIPS



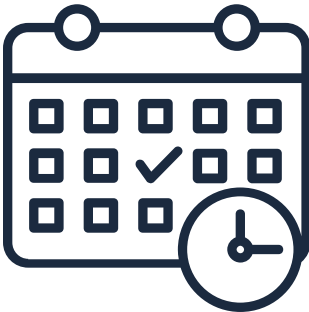
### BE PREPARED

Call Insurance to find out which speech providers accept your coverage.



### EXPLORE MULTIPLE PROVIDERS

By calling various providers, caregivers can get on waitlists for evaluations and speech therapy, increasing the chances of securing timely services.



### FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Caregivers can schedule appointments regardless of insurance approval status, ensuring their child receives timely care. If the appointment occurs before approval, out-of-pocket expenses may apply, but this can expedite access to necessary services.



### UTILIZE REGIONAL CENTER SUPPORT

Regional Centers can often assist with funding for services. If a child qualifies for Regional Center speech services but not under insurance criteria, the denial letter from the insurance can be presented to the Regional Center, which can continue funding the needed speech therapy.