

# More Than Words®

## The Hanen Program® for Parents of Autistic Children or Children Who May Benefit from Social Communication Support

### For who?

Parents of young autistic children or parents who are worried about their child's social communication. As a parent you may be wondering what you can do to make communication easier and more enjoyable for your child. You may want to help your child connect more easily with others, have more fun during interactions, or experience less frustration.

### The Program

At a *More Than Words* Program, you'll learn:

- ✓ How your child communicates right now and the next steps to take;
- ✓ How to identify and include your child's sensory preferences in fun engaging activities;
- ✓ How child led play leads to fun back-and-forth interactions;
  - ✓ How to turn everyday activities into opportunities to support your child's communication;
- ✓ How to help your child understand what you say;
- ✓ How to join in on your child's favourite things to do and help them develop their communication skills while having fun together.



The program contains of 6 group sessions and 4 home visits, covering a period of approximately 4 months. The first home visit will take place before the first group session. Filming the interaction and analysing these moments together is an important part of the program. As well as sharing with and learning from other parents.

### Information and registration

The Hanen More than Words Program® is fully paid by your healthcare insurance when you have a Speech Therapy referral for the Hanen Program® for your child from a doctor. It is also important to buy the book 'More Than Words: A Parents Guide to Building Interaction and Language Skills for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties' written by Fern Sussman. You can purchase this, for example, at Amazon.

### Hanen Program® 'It Takes Two to Talk®'

Time & location: 7.30pm-10pm online.

Please check the website for details ([www.pamoja-communiceren.nl](http://www.pamoja-communiceren.nl)).

The home visits will be planned with each family individually.

This Hanen Program® will be given by a Hanen Certified Speech & Language Therapist:

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