

Learning Language and Loving It™

The Hanen Program® for Early Childhood Educators/Teachers

Discover how to create the best possible learning opportunities in your classroom with the Learning Language and Loving It™ Program!

During *Learning Language and Loving It*, you will learn practical strategies for helping all children in the classroom build language, emergent literacy and social skills, no matter what their learning and communication styles are, and even if they have special needs.

The strategies can be easily woven into everyday classroom activities. Each strategy is designed to engage and maintain the interest of the child, making language and literacy-learning a fun and natural part of their day.

The program will provide you with ample opportunity to practice each strategy with your students, and to receive feedback from the Program Leader to help you adapt the strategies, as needed.

Who should attend

Any early childhood educator, teacher, educational assistant, or home child care provider who works with young children (birth–5) in early childhood settings including child care, preschool, nursery, and kindergarten programs.



What you will learn

You will learn practical, research-based strategies for:

- Promoting every child's language development using natural everyday activities, routines and play
- Becoming attuned to children's interests so you can follow their lead, which is known to foster language development
- Adjusting the way you talk to help children develop more advanced language skills
- Promoting interaction among the children
- Facilitating language-learning in pretend play
- Fostering emergent literacy skills



Learning Language and Loving It Program components

- A Hanen Certified speech-language pathologist or early childhood education consultant leading the program to a group of up to twenty educators
- 5-8 intensive group training sessions (15-20 hours) in which you learn through a variety of media and by interacting with your fellow educators
- 4-6 individual videotaping and feedback sessions for each educator (educators' interactions with children are recorded by and reviewed with the group leader)
- A user-friendly guidebook, *Learning Language and Loving It: A Guide to Promoting Children's Social, Language, and Literacy Development in Early Childhood Settings* (Weitzman and Greenberg, 2002). It contains a wealth of practical information on how to increase children's expressive and receptive language. Following the program you can keep coming back to the guidebook for more ideas.

What educators are saying about the Learning Language and Loving It Program

"I would definitely recommend this program to other teachers in child care. You will come away enriched with new ideas about interaction techniques and curriculum planning."

"We have learned so much about language and communication development in young children. The results from the changes we have made in our styles of interaction and communication with the children are quite evident."

"The combination of receiving information, group discussion and reviewing the videos made the sessions very enjoyable."

"Through watching my clips and receiving feedback, I am now more aware of each child's individual needs and I adjust my interactive style to meet those needs."

Program dates and location

The next *Learning Language and Loving It* Program will run from.

The program will be held at.

Contact information

Hanen Certified *Learning Language and Loving It* Program Leader

Registration form for *Learning Language and Loving It*

Please complete and return this portion to the attention of:

Name: _____

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