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Maryssa had a hearing test and speech evaluation

Maryssa doesn't seem to come to me when I call her name. Her verbal communication and receptive language seem to be delayed. than her sisters Amanda and Miranda. She only speaks barely 1 word sentences. There are only about 10-15 words she will say. Interestingly though, she knows the whole alphabet by sight and numbers 1-5 by sight too. I have been working with her speech, language and communication through books. She loves books. I spoke to Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez, our pediatrician about it. She ordered a hearing and speech evaluation.

Maryssa had a hearing test and evaluation at Providence at CHOC in Orange. The results are her hearing is fine. They are recommending a speech evaluation. I will receive an authorization from them in a month or two.

I contacted Regional Center about Maryssa's delay. I met with a case worker, Paulette Diaz, and she ordered a speech evaluation. Maryssa had the evaluation just a few days after her adenoid surgery, on Thursday October 2nd. The report said she was 49% delayed in receptive language, close to a 13 month old. They are recommending speech therapy for her. They recommended a group setting 3 times a week for 2 hours each. I told them I want an in-home speech therapist because Maryssa is already in a group setting here at home and that really hasn't helped her that much. I believe she would benefit from one-on-one sessions with a speech therapist. So they recommended that. I have an appointment this Friday October 17th to meet with Maryssa;s new case worker, Melanie Barkken. She was Amanda's case worker when Amanda was receiving Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

I am so glad that I looked into this. I have been really keeping an eye on Maryssa's communication skills when she turned 18 months old. I want early intervention for her so she can start communicating and close the gap on the delay.

Savannah was showing the same signs at the same age and I started doing all of the same evaluations for Savannah too but Savannah didn't get the evaluations done till she was 2 -1/2 years old, 6 months older than Maryssa. Savannah's hearing came out fine, just like Maryssa's. Savannah had a speech evaluation and it came back about the same as Maryssa's. By the time all of the evaluations were done, Savvy was turning 3. I contacted the school district and we had a few evaluations with the school psycholigist and the speech therapist, Ronita Van Vliet, who teaches and offers speech therapy at the preschool. Her "IEP" reported she was delayed. Savvy started preschool at Meadowgreen Preschool for the s4 week ummerschool session for the month of mid-June through mid-July of 2007 when she was 3. Then she went back in the fall, September 2007 through June and then again she did the summer school session. She is now in PreK at the preschool. She will not be dong summer school session there. Savvy gets picked up and dropped off by a ittle school bus. It has been so helpful. She loves her little school bus.

More than likely Maryssa will be going to the same preschool to help her with her speech,

communication and language delays. Thank goodness they have such wonderful programs in place to catch these things early on for our kids. I really do think very highly of our school district, Lowell Joint School District.

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