



## NATIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING MONTH

### Spotlight on Awareness

**Early Communication Matters**  
 The early years are critical for communication development. If you've ever wondered whether your child is "on track," you're not alone and support is available. Have a concern? Early support makes a difference. Contact your local Early Intervention program to request a free evaluation: Call 215-685-4646 for children under age 3 and 215-222-8054 for children ages 3-5. [Learn more about developmental milestones and what to expect here](#)

**Children's Mental Health Awareness Week May 3-9**  
 Highlighting the importance of high quality mental health care for children to help reduce stigma, encourage early identification, and support timely intervention through education.

### Family Events

**Family Story Time**  
*May 4th 5pm (Mondays)*  
 Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library has an interactive family story time  
[Learn more here](#)

**Family Story Time**  
*May 1st 10am (Fridays)*  
 Queen Memorial Library has an interactive family story time  
[Learn more here](#)

**Family Story Time**  
*May 2nd 2pm (Saturdays)*  
 d'griot gallery hosting a story time with guest speakers for the family  
[Learn more here](#)

**Wild Horizon**  
*May 2 & 3*  
 A circus and play festival at Cherry St Pier  
[Learn more here](#)

**Philadelphia Children's Festival**  
*May 3 -5*  
 Outdoor playground with free performances and hands on activities  
[Learn more here](#)

### Outdoors

**Africa Day Celebration at Clark Park**  
[Learn more here](#)

**AAPI Culture Festival at FDR Park**  
[Learn more here](#)

**Children's Day at Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center**  
[Learn more here](#)

**Strawberry Festival at Peddler Village**  
[Learn more here](#)




### Sensory Events

**Arden Theater- The Stinky Cheese Man**  
[Learn more here](#)

**National Constitution Center Sensory Friendly Day**  
[Learn more here](#)

**Eagles Autism Challenge**  
[Learn more here](#)



### VCFS Tip of The Month

Follow your child's lead and talk about what they're interested in to encourage communication.