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**SCREENING & PROGRAMMING
FOR MILD MODERATE NEEDS**

- ◆ Cause & Effect Foundation offers families of pre-school children a FREE screening of their children's communication skills by a registered Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP).
- ◆ Screening in the area of fine motor skills will occur as needed by a registered Occupational Therapist (OT).
- ◆ Later screening in Pre-Kindergarten concepts will occur as needed by a certified teacher.
- ◆ Cause & Effect Foundation provides a registered SLP, OT and discipline specific trained Assistants to work with children in local preschools and day cares.
- ◆ Our team targets skill development in a play-based environment.




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JOIN US!

For more information, or have your program work with us in helping preschool children build their speech and language skills in a fun, interactive way, **please contact:**

Cause & Effect Foundation

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Look us up on the web!

www.causeandeffectfoundation.com

Developed in conjunction with



WHAT PRESCHOOLS & PARENTS SAY:

"You have given our students the gift of communication and their families the skills to support their children. The team were professional and dedicated to each of the children and their families."

⇒ *Preschool Teacher*

"This was an answer to our prayers!"

⇒ *Parent*

"It was amazing to see the children meet speech goals, develop confidence, vocabulary, articulation, social skills and improve their listening skills and behavior. Parent comments were always positive."

⇒ *Preschool Teacher*

WHAT CAUSE & EFFECT FOUNDATION & TIME TO TALK HAS TO OFFER:

We will come to your location at a prearranged time to screen preschool children for possible speech and/or language delays as well as fine motor delays (if applicable). If delays are identified, Alberta Education mild/moderate grant funding will be accessed, which allows for speech/language/ fine motor and learning needs to be addressed within the school environment.

The children identified as requiring additional support will receive child-specific, play-based therapy at your location during the upcoming school year...at no cost to the family and no cost to your program!

THE PROCESS:

- ◆ We will give you a consent form to send home to the families of children who will be at least 3.5 years of age by September 1st (date of birth on or before March 1, 2011).
- ◆ We will arrange a time to come to your location to screen the children for speech/language, occupational therapy needs (if needed) and educational skill concerns. Screening begins in early spring, and will take approximately 15 minutes per child. We will require a quiet workspace to complete the screening test, such as a hallway or an empty classroom.
- ◆ All children will get a note to take home summarizing the test results; you may keep a copy of the notes for your records.
- ◆ When testing has been completed for all of the children for whom consents were received, we will send you an email summarizing who we have tested and what the recommendations were for each child.
- ◆ If we identify children with delays in the mild to moderate range who we believe may qualify for funding, we will send home a form for the parents to complete. This form will begin the process of registering the child with Alberta Education and will allow us to access applicable funding. The form must be returned along with a copy of the child's birth certificate within two weeks unless otherwise stated.
- ◆ As the funding is educationally-based, therapy will take place during the upcoming school year. These sessions are usually scheduled once a week for approximately 30 minutes in a daycare or preschool center. We know you're busy and are glad to work around your program's special activities.

YOUR COMMITMENT IS EASY:

As an agency benefiting from this service, your commitment to this program is simple, but important:

- ◆ **Distribute and collect** the Screening Consent forms to parents
- ◆ **Arrange** a quiet workspace for us to do the testing and the weekly therapy program, should children needing assistance be identified
- ◆ **Collect** the registration forms and copies of birth certificates from the families involved by a predetermined date
- ◆ **Support** our therapy team in their efforts to help the children in the Cause & Effect Foundation program.



THE BENEFITS OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT:

- ◆ Your preschool or daycare program can provide speech/language and occupational therapy assistance to children in your program - at no cost to your program or the children's families.
- ◆ Your staff will receive information/strategies that will empower them to help all of your program's children build their communication and fine motor skills. We provide speech and language specific in-class training for your staff and monthly "Talking Tips" for you to post.
- ◆ You will have the advantage of knowing that you did as much as you could to help children with communication and fine motor needs be more successful in school, in their community and in life!



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:

- ◆ The Cause & Effect Foundation Mild Moderate program provides three parent visits throughout the year to involve the family and demonstrate what their child does during therapy sessions. This allows for the strategies that assist in development to continue at home.