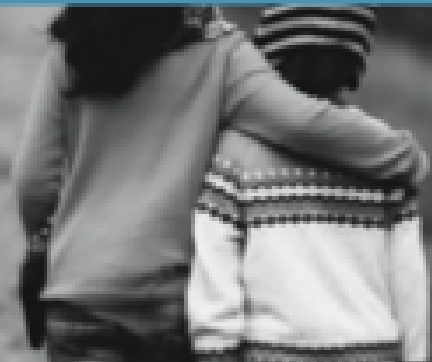


## THE NEED TO SPEAK

### 5. Hear me



Children initially experience the world symbolically through vibration and resonance before verbal language begins to develop.

The child is, in essence, proclaiming Hear Me.

#### Common Behaviours

Speech issues (stuttering, mutism) / screaming / whooping cough / mouth ulcers / teeth and gum issues / lying

#### THE CHILD MAY FEEL

- nervous
- uncertain of expression
- unheard
- unnoticed

#### SUPPORT THE CHILD

- Make space to listen to your child, even if what they are saying is not what you want to hear.
- Use positive vibration words
- Encourage space for expression i.e. "Tell me how you feel about that?"

#### AFFIRM

I can express myself clearly  
I am heard