Parents as agents of change:

Empowering parents to reduce impoverished language in disadvantaged communities

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What inspired our programme?
About Twinkleboost

Commenting over Questioning

What's this?

Ball
Working with ‘hard to reach’ families
“I now pay more attention just to talk to the child or just describing my daily routines. I think talking should always be encouraged and sometimes we are not fully aware of it or just forget”

“There is a big difference in how I communicate. I gesture more, offer more choices and am more aware of how my child can communicate without using words”

“We look forward to the sessions each week. I now label objects rather than asking ‘what is it’. I offer choices more too”
“I now offer choices and pick up on cues of whether he enjoys things or not. This is a great course to teach new ways of communicating with your child and the stories are great fun”

“I use labelling, repetition and modelling. I ask fewer questions and allow more time for response”

“The info today was absolutely fantastic. I see how I can help develop his speech more by how I talk to him and how I ask questions”

“(Since Twinkleboost) we have a much better bond and understanding”
Innovative strategies:
A modern, practical and convenient approach
Supporting engagement:
Low pressure/high support environment
Encouraging Ownership:
The self assessed certificate programme
Supportive environment:
Peer to peer modelling

“The parents are responding so well to the modelling and listen to the strategies that are presented. They always take a specific interest in the research that supports the strategy.”

-Jaimi- Speech and Language Therapy Assistant
Flexible access:
Follow up emails

“I really like to receive the follow up email as it refreshes your memory after the session and you can go back to it anytime.”

“I will be away for 4 weeks soon and asked to still receive the emails during this time so I can use the strategies that we will miss.”
Digital technologies:
YouTube
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Our Impact

From June 2016-June 2017
We have provided...

Twinkleboost has provided Specialist Speech and Language support to 1866 individuals including Speech & Language Classes to 955 children.

We have provided Speech and Language Training to 699 new parents of these parents 44 have completed a certificate in ‘Supporting Speech and Language development in the early years’.

We have provided Speech and Language Training to 187 Nursery & Teaching Staff.

We have trained 12 Volunteer Communication Assistants.

7 Speech and Language Therapy Assistants.
Implications for the future

- Low pressure / high support environment
- Peer to peer modeling
- Certificate program
- Digital technologies – Face Book, YouTube
Thank you