

About The “I Can Talk Too” Program

Administered through Sunny Hill’s **Communication Development Department**, the “I Can Talk Too” program supports the assessment, purchase, loan, maintenance and upgrading of assistive technology equipment for children who have significant speech challenges.

Sunny Hill’s **Assistive Technology Team** supports the “I Can Talk Too” program by helping families and community teams to complete thorough assessments, and to choose and use the most appropriate equipment. This program is generously supported by the **Sunny Hill Foundation**.

About The Assistive Technology Team

The Assistive Technology Team works with community organizations providing assistive technology to children. These organizations include SET-BC the “I Can Talk Too” program, the **At Home** program, and various other charitable organizations and community service groups that support children with Assistive Technology needs.

The team aims to complement community resources by adding needed skills, knowledge or equipment when these are not available in the community.



About Sunny Hill

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children is a provincial facility offering specialized services to children with disabilities, their families and communities throughout British Columbia. Using a family-centred approach, Sunny Hill helps promote the healthy development of children and youth by supporting families and community service providers in their efforts. It is also a resource for educational services and information about disabilities. Services are delivered close to home in a child's community, or on site at Sunny Hill, located in Vancouver.

How To Contact Us

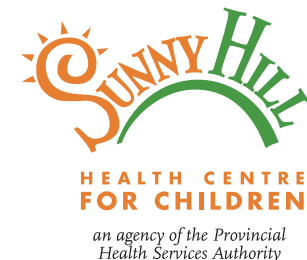
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What Do We Do?

Many children referred to Sunny Hill are non-speaking, or unable to rely solely on their natural ability to speak or write. Our **Speech-Language Pathologists** and **Occupational Therapists** – specialists in communication technology – provide thorough assessments of these children’s communication needs.

Working with the child, their family and their community, our therapists help to find practical, day-to-day communication solutions to allow the child to enjoy more effective interactions with their friends and family.

Communication solutions may be provided for talking or writing, or both. They may include the use of:

- Sign language
- Picture boards
- Letter boards
- Symbols
- Talking computers or SGDs (Speech Generating Devices)
Voice Output Communication Aids)
- Alternative ways to use a regular computer for talking, writing or learning



Who Do We Help?

Since 1986, Sunny Hill’s “I Can Talk Too” program has provided children who are non-speaking with augmentative and alternative communication devices. More than 1000 children throughout British Columbia, who are unable to speak for a variety of reasons (including neurological impairment and cerebral palsy) have received communication devices through the program.

Our program has increased its focus on the needs of preschool children, encompassing global advances in clinical therapy, technology and research. Recent studies show that early exposure to talking computers and educational software enables preschoolers to be more active and ready to participate in their daycare or school curriculum. Such early intervention promotes academic success and increased independence in adult life.



Is Your Child Eligible?

To qualify for the “I Can Talk Too” program, your child is:

- A resident of British Columbia
- Under 19 years of age
- Served by a community team
- Have a doctor’s referral to Sunny Hill

In addition, you will have:

- Explored all alternative options for funding within the community
- Made a request for communication technology assistance

If your child meets these criteria, please contact us. We can help your child explore a new world of communication.

