

# Free First Connections Winter 2024 Webinars

## COMMUNICATION MILESTONES



**For Children 9 Months-4 Years**

**Presented by Emerson Health  
Pediatric Speech & Language  
Pathologist Katie Newton**

Parents are often told to read to their child every day to encourage talking and learning. There are so many opportunities throughout each day that can increase communication and understanding around language. Please join us for an informative webinar where we will share strategies to help make play time and everyday activities – such as dressing and mealtime – perfect opportunities for stimulating speech and language. We will highlight the typical speech and language milestones for children 9 mos to 4 years, and review when a more formal evaluation might be useful.

**Thursday, January 11  
1:00-2:00 p.m**



**Fostering Empathy  
in Young Children**

**Presented by Ellie Springer,  
M.Ed., Early Childhood**

We all want the children we care for to grow up to be empathetic, kind adults. But how do we make sure that happens? Spoiler alert: it's *not* by forcing them to say sorry and to share their toys, nor is it by shaming or punishing them when they don't. Join Ellie for a conversation about when children are developmentally able to develop these skills, and how we can foster genuine empathy in our children - where they actually care about others, treat them with kindness, and give genuine apologies.

**Thursday, March 21  
7:00-8:00 p.m.**

To receive the Zoom link for either of these programs, email [lmattews@jri.org](mailto:lmattews@jri.org).

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