

When to request a bilingual speech-language evaluation

- **Any time** there is significant exposure to a language other than English in the child's life, a bilingual speech-language evaluation is warranted.

Significant exposure: uses that language for comprehension or expression on a regular basis (daily, weekly) OR used to hear/speak the language on a regular basis in the past.

Not significant exposure: Only Grandma speaks Spanish to the child and he/she sees Grandma once every six months.

- If you have screened/tested the child first in English and he/she is within normal limits, then information regarding the other language is supplemental, but not necessary to making the diagnosis.
- If you have screened/tested the child **in English and he/she did not demonstrate appropriate skills**, then a bilingual speech-language evaluation is warranted.