

## About the Workshop

This workshop targets the bumpy road that all parents experience during their child's early communication acquisition. By the end of the four session workshop, parents will:

- ✧ Understand the importance of play in communication
- ✧ Understand types of play appropriate for children 12 mos to 5 years
- ✧ Understand the stages of play and customize your play kit for your child's level of play.
- ✧ Understand how to play with your child with communication needs
- ✧ Understand how to build on language and play off of current skills/social stage



## Workshop Schedule

- ✧ Ice Breaker
- ✧ Intro to skill/topic
- ✧ Interactive Activities:  
Develop your own PLAY-kit
- ✧ Parent Panel/Exchange of Ideas
- ✧ Role Play
- ✧ Recap & Wrap Up
- ✧ Good Bye

### REGISTRATION

This is a four course program. Each class is in sequence to each other.

Fees: \$50.00 (for all four weeks)

**INNOVATIVE THERAPY SERVICES**  
1090 Homestead Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Phone: (408) 241-2229  
Fax: (408) 241-3156  
E-mail: [jakia@pediatricsspeech.com](mailto:jakia@pediatricsspeech.com)



## Parent

# **BUILDING EARLY COMMUNICATION THROUGH PLAY**



A Four Course Parent Workshop  
Occurs Bi-Weekly  
**Friday, April 8th — May 20th**



**INNOVATIVE THERAPY SERVICES**  
*Pediatric Speech, Language & Social Skills*

Tel: (408) 241-2229

## DID YOU KNOW??

- Play allows children to explore, create, interact, communicate and problem solve in a nurturing and fun environment. Parents play an important role at any stage of play to facilitate language and learning.
- Play has been called “the work of children” because it is through play that children learn how to interact in their environment, discover their interests, and acquire cognitive, motor, speech, language, and social-emotional skills (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2007).
- The worst part of parenting is feeling like you are not doing it right. But guess what, you were born to love, not to be perfect.



## About the



Nicole Los Banos, MA., CCC-SLP is a licensed and ASHA certified speech and language pathologist. She received her Master's degree from Hampton University in Virginia and Bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach. She has extensive training in swallowing disorders (dysphagia), motor speech production and multi-disciplinary treatment models. She has worked extensively with parents of and children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, AAC and multiple disabilities. Nicole is passionate about communication, especially in persons with autism. She consults with individuals and families on early intervention, cognitive-linguistic impairments, and social skills. Over the course of her

## Session 1: “I want my child to talk... what’s the big deal with play?”

Friday (4/8/16)

An introduction to the importance of play during language development. Learn different types of play, get an idea of your child's current stage of play and develop activities by assessing your inventory of toys in your home. Homework is given!

## Session 2: “Am I playing the right way with my child?”

Friday (4/22/16)

Confusion begins at this stage where parents have used the starting points to actively play and encourage their child's language but are not sure if their play is “right”. This session works on developing the foundations and

functions of play: imitation, parallel play, turn-taking and beyond. Various activities and ideas will be given along with Homework!

## Session 3: “Am I Still playing the ‘right’ way with my child? I’m running out of ideas!”

Friday (5/6/16)

An in depth and hands-on class to support and encourage parents during the gap between the child's progress and the parents' next step. Providing fresh ideas through interactive discussions and hands on practice. Making simple play into FUNctional Play!!

## Session 4: “Okay, I’m playing... but my child doesn’t want to play with me!”

\*\*\* Registered Participant To Do's: Inventory your child's toys by most preferred to least preferred. Bring a toy that represents you and your child.

