

## STUTTERING IN YOUNG CHILDREN: INDICATIONS OF NEED FOR INTERVENTION

- Someone else in family stutters
- Child is male
- Started to stutter after age 3½ years
- Problem has been present for more than 12-18 months
- Part word repetitions with struggle or tension (*t- t-t-truck* or *buh-buh-banana*)
- Prolongations or blocks (*I want the rrrrrred one. I want the -----red one.*)
- Cluster disfluencies: more than two disfluencies on a word (*v-v-vac-c-c- cation*) or on adjoining words (*m-m-my mo-mo-mommy*)
- More than 1-2% abnormal types of disfluency
- Difficulty in getting voice started
- Dysrhythmic quality to disfluency
- Pitch rise associated with disfluency
- Child has demonstrated awareness
- Child has demonstrated frustration
- Other developmental issues in addition to disfluency
- Problem has gotten better and worse but has continued to persist

Based on Yairi and colleagues research on persistence of stuttering.