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Sunday, June 20, 2021

09.30 – 10.30 a.m.

**CEST- Central European Summertime
(Germany)**

„Early communication“

Communication

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The imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium.

In the early years medical procedures take precedence.

However early communication strategies can begin during this time.

Prompts, gestures, mime and cues.

Total Communication/Multimodal communication.

Visual Language and Audition.

In the hospital setting:

Position of the bed.

Position of the person.

Adjust the lighting.

Positioning of toys.

When approaching the child:

Provide a cue as to you being there and who you are.

When repositioning the child provide a prompt prior.

When interacting with the child provide a cue as to what is about to happen e.g. being picked up, bath time, a medical procedure, food time.













Audition and Visual Language

- Hearing aids
- Cochlear implant
- Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHA)
- FM Systems
- Sign language
- Key word signing
- Gestures
- Body language
- Facial expression
- Pointing
- Mime
- Real objects
- Symbolic objects
- Photos
- Drawings
- Symbolic drawings
- Reading and writing

Play and Communication

**Three videos with Heiko
and Jonas...
(in German)**

Jonas

Vater mit Sohn

Alter: 2 Jahre, 5 Monate

Video 1

- Heiko gains Jonas's attention
- Makes it a participatory game
- Prompts turn taking
- Rewards imitation
- Pauses while Jonas checks out the camera
- Rewards again with 'Bravo' and 'clap, clap'
- Allows looking away
- Uses speech, gesture, signs and more

Jonas

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Video 2

- Jonas is well supported on his Dad's body
- Dad is comfortable too
- Dad follows Jonas's interests
- Allows time for Jonas to process information
- Responds to Jonas's request for a repeat
- Dad uses animated, interesting and rewarding facial expressions

Jonas

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Video 3

- Adult directed play
- Heiko takes his time to make sure Jonas understands
- Revises steps to ensure Jonas has every chance to succeed
- Allows Jonas to succeed without adult intervention
- Success is Jonas's reward

Heiko used:

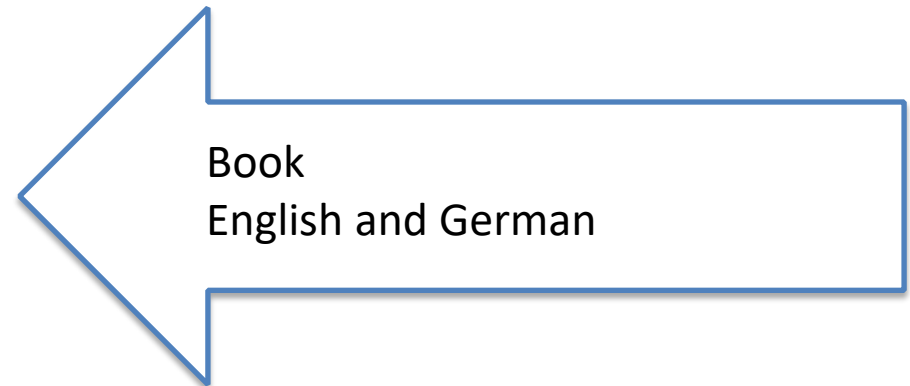
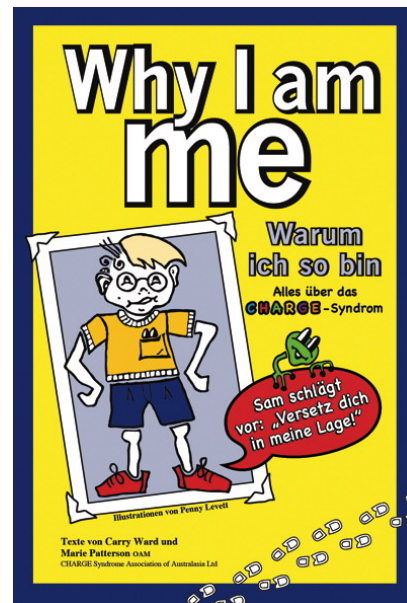
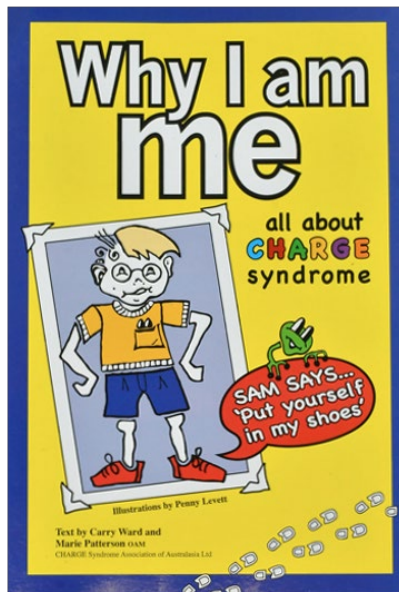
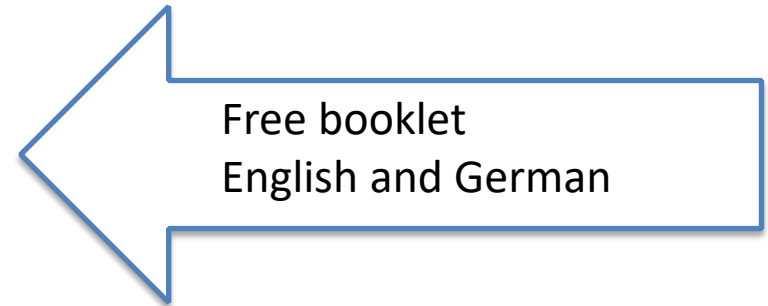
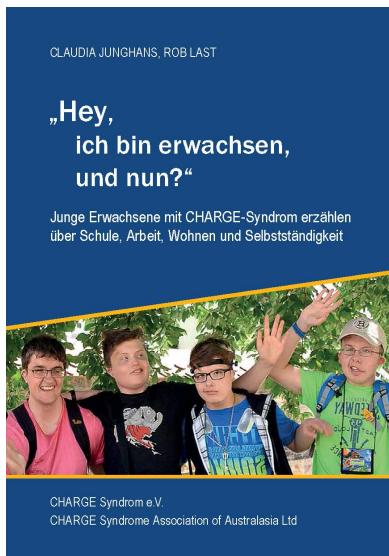
- Speech
- Sign language
- Facial expression
- Body language
- Gestures
- Mime
- Touch cues
- Real objects
- Symbolic objects
- Photos
- Drawings
- Singing

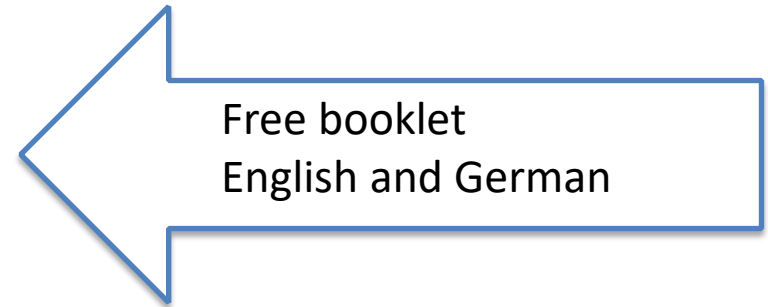
About Learning Sign Language

- use teachers of the deaf fluent in sign language
- use signing dictionaries
- use DVD's teaching sign language
- seek out members of the deaf community
- seek out CODA's (Children Of Deaf Adults)
- attend classes/courses
- attend events with the deaf community
- find a neighbour, friend of friend, fluent in sign
- choose 'voice off' times to rely purely on sign

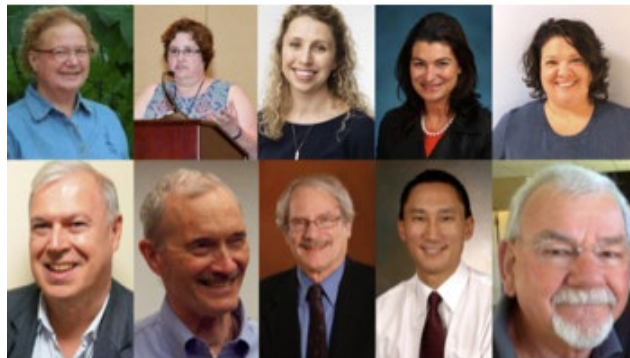
Take home messages

- Must be meaningful
- Total Communication/Multimodal is preferred
- Be alert to all communication attempts and opportunities
- Follow the child
- Immersion
- Use passions for positive outcome
- Rewards increase positive outcomes





The top 10 CHARGE Syndrome experts from around the world



Their combined knowledge in one course.

