

**Starbright  
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# FALL BULLETIN

## STARBRIGHT NEWS

### Dear Parents:

We hope you had a wonderful summer! The time has gone so very quickly. As we move into the fall, we have some news items for you!

A new Speech and Language Pathologist, **Lauren Graydon**, has joined Starbright to replace Karen Bylsma who moved on to a wonderful new position on Vancouver Island. Lauren is from Ontario and we just know she is going to love the Okanagan!

Our referral form is now on our website!

<https://www.starbrightokanagan.ca/referral-forms/>

## RESOURCES

### THE HUB

Kelowna parents can access a range of early learning, health and family services in one location with the opening of Central Okanagan Family Hub. The Hub is now open at Pearson Road Elementary. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/COFHP/>

### FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS

For information and calendar of events there is a great website that gives information on what is happening for kids and families in and around Kelowna!

[https://www.kelownanow.com/events/family\\_fun/](https://www.kelownanow.com/events/family_fun/)

[www.childsource.ca](http://www.childsource.ca)

Kelowna's Childcare Community website ChildSource provides lots of 'do-it-yourself' ideas and much more for parents, childcare providers and preschool teachers.

## EARLY SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

Every child develops at his or her own pace; however, there are certain language milestones to watch for. For example, many children begin to form short, simple sentences by the time they turn two years old. You can help foster your child's language development by using some simple communication techniques.

<https://www.speechbuddy.com/blog/language-development/how-to-foster-language-development/>

## WORKSHOPS

### Autism Society of BC

Workshop for parents of a newly diagnosed child. Info about their "New to Autism" is on their home page:

<https://www.autismbc.ca/>

A wonderful way for every new parent to communicate with your baby – use baby sign language! Visit the website to learn more:

[http://www.kelownanewparent.com/html/baby\\_sign\\_language.html](http://www.kelownanewparent.com/html/baby_sign_language.html)

