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## **Therapy of developmental language disorders in children with hearing impairment – latest knowledge from a German interdisciplinary guideline**

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Recently, a German guideline based on a systematic literature review on the treatment of developmental language disorders (DLD) was published:

<https://register.awmf.org/de/leitlinien/detail/049-015>. It also contains evidence-based recommendations on interventions for DLD in children with hearing loss.

Recommendations include family-centred early intervention in the first six months of life with parent coaching to improve parent-child interaction in language stimulation; if necessary family-centred language therapy from two to approx. five years of age in addition to early pedagogic hearing support; for children from three years of age with language-specific disorders, methods adapted to the language therapy of children with normal hearing, addressing the areas of morpho-syntax, phonology, vocabulary and narrative skills; consideration of auditory-verbal therapy or the natural auditory approach as a family-centred (early) intervention after hearing aid or CI fitting as well as training of auditory language and memory skills; for children with additional impairments, measures of augmentative and alternative communication in language therapy; if necessary the use of the iPad-based TALI intervention, and the offer of active music-making (e.g. singing) in auditory-linguistic rehabilitation.