Can speech and language disorders be prevented?

Who?
- Babies with **CLASSIC GALACTOSEMIA**, 2 to 4 months at the start of the study
- Families anywhere in the world if English is their main language

Why?
- We want to see if starting therapy at very early ages can minimize or prevent speech & language problems in children with classic galactosemia.

What?
- Treatment study that runs until the child turns 2 years, with follow-up testing at 3 and 4 years
- Online – can be done right in your own home

How does the therapy work?
- Parents meet weekly online with a speech-language pathologist to learn how to encourage speech & language development as part of their daily routines

How do we measure progress? Close monitoring:
- Monthly: Sound recordings with a high-tech recorder that we provide
- Every three months: Checklists and questionnaires
- At age 2: A local speech pathologist will test your child’s speech and language and again at ages 3 and 4

Cost? None!
- You get paid! Families receive $100 when the child completes testing at age 2, and $150 at the last test session. Parents can receive test results.

Participation is voluntary. All families are enrolled in the close monitoring part of the study. Families are randomly assigned to participate or not participate in the online sessions in addition to the close monitoring.

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