**What are the benefits of raising bilingual or multilingual children?**

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| The benefits for children | For children, speaking more than one language is often linked to:   * better academic results – multilingual or bilingual children can often concentrate better, are better at solving problems, understand language structures better, and are better at multitasking; * more diverse and interesting career opportunities later in life; * a better sense of self-worth, identity and belonging that comes from -   feeling good about your heritage;  feeling confident about communicating and connecting with extended family members and people speaking other languages;  being able to enjoy music, movies, literature and so on in more than one language. |
| The benefits for your family | For your family, multilingualism and developing your first language in your children:   * improves communication among your family members; * enhances emotional bonds; * makes it easier for you and your children to be part of your culture; * boosts your family’s sense of cultural identity and belonging. |
| The benefits for your community | For your wider community, when children speak more than one language, it means that:   * everyone in the community gets a better appreciation of different languages and cultures; * children can more easily travel and work in different countries and cultures when they grow up; * children understand and appreciate different cultures. |