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The Phonological Analysis of Bilingual Creole-English Speaking Children Living in South Florida

by

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The purpose of this study was to gather normative data on the phonological system of bilingual Creole-English Speaking Haitian American children ages three and five living in south Florida and to compare their performances to already established normative data for monolingual English speaking children. Forty normally developing bilingual participants of low socio-economic groups from the North Miami and Central Miami area were chosen for this study.

Participants were tested using the Sounds-in-Words section of the Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation-2 and a Haitian Creole picture naming assessment with a similar format to the GFTA-2. Results indicated that the percentage of correct phonemes in Haitian Creole (M =91.59.45, SD =6.52) were not significantly different (p= .264) when compared to the percentage of correct production of the same phonemes in English (M =92.78, SD =8.16). Further analysis revealed that the accuracy of all phonemes was higher for the group of five-year-olds (M = 90.84, SD= 7.40) (p= .008) in Haitian Creole. In addition, the group of five-year-olds had higher accuracy producing English phonemes (M=90.32, SD= 5.17) compared to the performance of the group of three-year-old participants (M= 81.82, SD= 9.56) (p= .002).

These findings revealed that the pattern phonological development in bilingual Haitian American children was similar to patterns reported in other bilingual children. This information is essential for professionals who work with bilingual Haitian American children in terms of evaluation and treatment.

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