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Using language allows us to share our ideas and feelings, to learn and to understand the world around us. Unfortunately, using language isn't easy for everyone. Developmental language disorder (DLD) is a hidden but very common condition that means a child has difficulty using and/or understanding language. Despite how common DLD is, there isn't a clear list of rules for speech-language pathologists (SLP) to follow when diagnosing a child with DLD. My research involves having important conversations with SLPs, across the world, about DLD. We need to understand what types of clinical tests, or information about a child's language, SLPs need to feel confident when diagnosing DLD. By sharing this information, we can eliminate confusion about when a diagnosis of DLD should be given and make sure that more children are identified and given the help that they need to allow them to succeed in school and in life.