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ANXIETY AND SELECTIVE MUTISM

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Selective Mutism

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Highlights

- Bilingual status on its own does not explain development of SM.
- Anxiety best predicted development of mute behavior.
- Language seems to play an important role in the development of mute behavior in preschool.
- A low orientation to the mainstream culture is associated with higher levels of silence in preschool.

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