



Connections

child, youth and family services

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

These 3 sessions are designed as an introduction to autism. It is for early childhood staff, immediate & extended families of preschool children with autism in the Southern Region.




PRESENTED BY

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Learning outcomes:




Session 1 - "What is Autism"

-  To identify core features & early signs of autism
-  To understand assessment & diagnosis of autism in young children
-  To gain information on other PDD's

Session 2 - "Communicating & interacting with others"

-  To understand impairments in verbal & non-verbal communication in children with autism
-  To gain information on choosing & using alternative communication systems
-  Practical strategies to understand & develop social skills in children with autism

Session 3 - "Understanding & Managing difficult behaviours"

-  To understand some causes of behavioural disturbances in children with autism
-  To identify 3 methods of behavioural assessment in children with autism
-  To understand the association between core features of autism, behaviour & sensory disturbances

Please note: places are limited.

Bookings are essential.

Attendees must be able to attend the full day.

Certificates will only be awarded to those attending the full day.

Date: Saturday May 30th 2009

Venue: *Connections* Family Resource Centre
 274 High Street,
 Windsor 3181
 Melway Ref: 58 E6

Times: 8:30am (registration)
 9am-3:30pm (prompt start)
 Morning tea supplied
 BYO lunch or purchase locally (45 mins allowed for lunch)

Cost: Cash donation of \$10 to cover costs

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