



## Each Child Early Intervention Program

### Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) Basic Training Workshop

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is an initial language-training package that is used to teach communication skills rapidly to those with limited functional speech. PECS is a unique training program that does not require lengthy prerequisite training, and promotes communication in a social context that the user initiates. Rather than building to spontaneity, as promoted by many other systems, PECS begins with spontaneous actions. The sequence of PECS phases incorporates an individual's lack of sensitivity to socially-based reinforcers. Training in PECS begins by teaching a spontaneous request and goes on to teach additional communicative functions, such as responding to questions and commenting. An added attraction for pre-school children with autism and related disabilities is the high proportion of children who acquire independent speech after using PECS for a year or more.

#### Participants will be able to:

- Identify key Pyramid components to design effective educational environments
- Discuss an historical and theoretical overview of language training programs used with non-verbal individuals
- Describe in detail the Picture Exchange Communication System and its relationship to "traditional" training programs
- Apply the procedures and instructional techniques related to a behaviour analytic orientation involved in implementing PECS

**Dates:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**Time:** Registration from 8:30am for 9am start - 4.30pm.

**Location:** Room 1, Maroondah Federation Estate  
32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood.

**Cost for 2 day workshop:** \$240.00

#### Additional Cost:

- \$15, for materials if you have access to a manual you can use during workshop.
- \$90, if you require materials and a manual.

Please contact Lisa Sedgley at EACH Child Early Intervention if you require additional information on 9837 3942 or [lsedgley@each.com.au](mailto:lsedgley@each.com.au)



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**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: BH: \_\_\_\_\_ Mob: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost (Please tick)

- \$255 I only require materials, I have a manual to use during workshop
- \$330 I wish to purchase a manual and materials

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete registration form and fax to:

Lisa Sedgley  
EACH Child Early Intervention Program  
Eastern Access Community Health  
Fax: 03 9879 6356

Or post to:

Lisa Sedgley  
EACH Child Early Intervention Program  
Eastern Access Community Health  
75 Patterson St, Ringwood East 3135

**Cancellation Policy:**

More than 48 hours notice is required for partial refunds.  
Administration fees may apply.