



Guidelines for presenting the ‘Autism in the Preschool Years’ Training Materials

ACT-NOW developed the ‘Autism in the Preschool Years’ manual to provide Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) with teaching material that could be used to deliver ongoing autism training, primarily to universal early childhood services and parents. Several ECIS clinicians from each region were selected by the Regional Autism Coordination Team (ReACT) to be trained by ACT-NOW in the presentation of this material. ACT-NOW provides these clinicians with ongoing support to enable them to present the training sessions to small groups of parents and professionals within their region.

In line with the ACT-NOW goal of building skills and capacity among ECIS professionals, this material is to be used only for “not for profit” training. A small fee to cover venue and catering costs may be necessary in some instances.

In order to maintain the high quality of presenter skills and knowledge of the training materials, all clinicians who wish to become presenters must access training and support both regionally and from the ACT-NOW staff who wrote the training material (Kerry Bull or Avril Brereton).

Steps for accreditation:

1. Observe a trained colleague present the three sessions
2. Become familiar with the manual material
3. Present one of the sessions to a *small* group of colleagues and seek their feedback
4. Present the three sessions to a group identified by the ReACT (e.g. Parents and early childhood services staff within a local government area)
5. Invite a member of the ACT-NOW team to observe these sessions in person or by video footage to provide feedback and support
6. Collate evaluation forms at the conclusion of the 3 workshops and return the summary report to ACT-NOW

The following is a guideline of recommended pre-requisite knowledge, skills and training of prospective presenters:

- Thorough knowledge of autism
- Sound knowledge of early child development
- Understanding of current research on *preschoolers* with autism
- Currently employed by an Early Childhood Intervention Service
- Previous presentation/training experience
- Capacity to present workshops within the DHS region holding this folder
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training

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Northern	ECAS	9359 9309
	Norparrin	9404 2767
Western	SCS	9275 7521
	Noahs Ark West	9304 7402
Southern	SCS, Dandenong	9213 2030
	SCS, Cheltenham	8585 6307
	SCS, Frankston	9784 3180
Eastern	Irabina	9720 1118
	SCS, Inner	9843 6283
	SCS, Outer East	9845 8056
Grampians	SCS, Ballarat	5333 6813
	PINARC	5329 1300
Barwon South West	Gateways	5221 2984
	SCS North West	5561 9427
Hume	SCS Seymour	5793 6436
	Goulburn Valley Health	5832 2200
Gippsland	GECIAN: both copies	5622 1200
Loddon Mallee	SCS Bendigo: both copies	5434 5555

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