

# Early Childhood Series (0-6 years)

## Aspect Workshops



### *Early Indicators of Autism and Pathways to Support*

Indicators of Autism may be detected early in a child's life and are often observed through differences in development. These early indicators can be demonstrated through difficulties in a child's ability to communicate with others, their ability to process sensory information within their world, as well as through their social skills, play and behaviour. Our webinar aims to increase attendees' knowledge of the early indicators of autism in young children.

Our workshop is co-presented with a professional who has a lived experience with an autistic child.

**Duration:** Webinar = 1.5hrs

**Audience:** Our workshop will provide information to parents and carers; and will benefit professionals supporting Autistic children in early education and care settings.

### *Early Play - Part 1: Encouraging Early Play Development*

An introductory webinar providing information on play development and how play skills may present differently in young autistic children. Our webinar will focus on practical strategies to increase social connections between the child and familiar adults through engaging in a range of child-led play activities. We will discuss and demonstrate how structured supports including visuals, and the focus on the child's interests and preferences in play, can support the development of a deep, trusting play relationship.

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### *Early Play - Part 2: Extending Play Skills*

Play is integral to a child's development. Play is the medium through which children learn. Social development encompasses people of all ages using skills to communicate and interact with others. Social connectedness is the feeling of being connected to others and belonging to a group. For autistic children, this may come in many forms and present very differently based on their individual preferences. Social connectedness forms the foundation for developing structure and collaboration in play. Our workshop aims to increase attendees' knowledge of how to support young autistic individuals to help develop their play and social development skills and work towards successful collaborative play with others. In turn, this will build lifelong social skills development.

Our workshop is co-presented with a professional who has a lived experience with an autistic child.

**Duration:** Webinar = 1.5 hours

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## Supporting Early Language Development and Visual Supports

Our webinar explores communication development in children and how it may differ for children on the autism spectrum. This information will equip parents and professionals in supporting children who may have communication difficulties, including practical strategies to support their child's understanding and expressive communication through the use of visual supports.

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**Duration:** Webinar = 1.5hrs

**Audience:** Our workshop will provide information to parents and carers; and will benefit professionals supporting Autistic children in early education and care settings.

## Toilet Training

Being independent with toileting skills is a typical stage of a child's development. For autistic children, there can often be added complexities in developing independence with toileting skills. Our webinar will provide information and supports around where to start with toilet training, the stages of toilet training and troubleshooting around common toileting difficulties.

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**Duration:** Webinar = 1.5hrs

**Audience:** Our workshop will provide information to parents and carers; and will benefit professionals supporting Autistic children in early education and care settings.

## Building Tots: Supporting Early Childhood Educators & Allied Health Professionals

Building Tots is a service funded by the NSW Department of Education to support young children aged 2 to 4 years to enter into a successful childcare or preschool placement. Our webinar will present information on the Building Tots service, including its playgroups and transition support programs throughout the NSW funded regions, as well as discuss eligibility criteria and how to support a referral into this program.

Our workshop is co-presented with a professional who has lived experience with an autistic child.

**Duration:** Webinar = 1.5hrs

**Audience:** Our workshop will provide information to parents and carers; and will benefit professionals supporting new referrals into early education.