



***The Developmental Individual Difference (DIR)
Floortime Approach***

***Sensory Connections 2014 Parent
Workshops***

Suitable for Parents of Children who are on the autistic spectrum or who have related challenges in relating & communicating, regulatory & sensory processing challenges & / or other developmental delays. This workshop is for parents who are wanting to learn how to support their child's developmental progress through using a relationship and developmentally based approach.

Trainer: Kathy Walmsley, Occupational Therapist & DIR® Consultant, with Anne Nunn, Speech & Language Pathologist & the Sensory Connections team

When: Saturday 21st & 28th June and Saturday 22nd & 29th November, Time: 9.00 to 4.30pm

Venue: SCOTS premises, 104 Keightley Road West, Shenton Park, WA 6008.

Costs: \$450 / person. (Note: Eligible parents can use FaHSCIA HCWA EI funding).

Payment includes: 2 day Course Handbook & training materials, lunch and refreshments.

Learn ways of helping your child

- **Calm, attend and emotionally engage with others**
- **Build communication and language**
- **Build planning, thinking & problem solving capacities**
- **Increase their range of play ideas and independence**
- **Learn to express ideas & feelings**
- **Support the development of logical reasoning**

In this small group environment as parent/s you will:

- **Learn the evidence based stages of healthy development, understand your own child's developmental profile, and how to use the developmental levels as a roadmap for setting goals.**
- **Understand: your own child's unique sensory processing profile, ways that sensory processing dysfunction can impact on development, and ways to deal with sensory processing challenges.**
- **Learn about how language develops, explore your own child's unique language profile, and how to support your child's range of communicative functions.**
- **Get ideas for managing to support your children to stay regulated, manage tricky behaviors, and get ideas on how to deal with daily challenges.**
- **Discuss ways to support family functioning and quality of family life while adjusting to meeting the demands of parenting a child with exceptional needs.**

Some Feedback from Parents who have participated previously

"I strongly recommend this workshop to other parents. The DIR model provided me with a whole new way of looking at my children. Kathy, Sharon and Anne have an enormous amount of experience and generate such positive energy and warmth as they take you through the components of Stanley Greenspan's model and the Floortime approach. The power points, workbooks, resources and video clips (of parents working with their children) were first class. Best of all it was uplifting to see the gains these kids are making in their abilities to engage relate and learn."

"Fantastic! The information I learned was invaluable and will definitely help in a major way. You could really tell that these parents were going through similar experiences to our own and it was nice to share. I learned a lot more about how we constantly move through the levels and the whole event really perked my husband and I up, we feel ready to do more with our child."

"Very helpful to see other parents in the video clips working with their children at the different developmental levels, and to learn about the different profiles and sensory tips. It has helped me to see that I can use Floortime strategies anytime throughout the day and not just during play times. It has really helped me as a parent to learn more about how I can help my child."

Sensory Connections and LTTC DIR Parent Training Program

Registration Form/Tax Invoice (Please keep a copy for your records)

Dates of Parent Training: Sat 21st June and 28th June or Sat November 22^d and 29th 2014 (Please circle) 9.00 to 4.30pm

Parent Name 1: _____ Parent Name 2: _____

Child's Name & DOB: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work/Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Therapist Name: _____ (If child /family are accessing services with us) referred by: _____

Please note: Primary caregiver attendees maybe eligible for Respite Assistance while attending training. Enquire from your local Area Co-coordinator Respite Centre. Tel. 1800 059 059 No refunds are available after June 22nd. \$50 admin fee applied for cancellations prior to this date. Please note that this training is designed for parents and close family caregivers only. We run trainings for professionals - please inquire if you are an interested professional. Please note that if insufficient registrations are received this workshop may be cancelled & you will receive a full refund.

Cost: _____ @ \$450 / person

I am paying by: Cheque/M.O. EFT Credit Card FaHSCIA

Amount: _____ Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

Acct #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ / _____ Name on Credit card: _____

Direct Funds Transfer (EFT) to: Sensory Connections

BSB: 016141 Account #:251852996

Please include your **Name** and **Training Location** as a Reference in your EFT transfer.

Please make cheque payable to: **Sensory Connections OTS Pty Ltd**

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