



The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund is proud to provide funding to Autism Behavioural Intervention Queensland (ABIQ) to conduct

A Workshop for Parents and Professionals
on
SENSORY PROCESSING ISSUES
FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Presented by
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Saturday 13th March 2004
9am – 12pm

QUT Kelvin Grove Campus
Room to be advised
Upon registration
(Free parking available)

Free of charge

About the Presenter

Kylie is a clinical Occupational Therapist with 8 years experience in working with children with disabilities, including ASD. She has presented information on sensory systems at a National Early Childhood Conference and the International CDLS Conference in 2003. She completed her Masters in Counselling in 2000. As a clinician, she works with many children with severe movement and sensory processing issues and has a keen interest in this area. As an OT, she has an interest in functional outcomes in occupational roles, especially those of student and player.

About the Workshop

This workshop aims to provide information on the different sensory systems and how they are integrated. It will outline how sensory difficulties may present and how they can be interpreted. Case studies will be used to problem solve practical approaches to enhance learning in children with sensory processing issues.

Sensory Processing

Dunn, Saiter & Rinner (2002) discuss the possibility of sensory processing being a feature of ASD especially considering Hans Asperger's description of sensory difficulties in ASD in his early work (ref). Until recently this area of ASD has not been highlighted. Sensory development has a significant role in development of all movement and motor skills. Poor sensory processing results in inefficient movements and motor planning difficulties and therefore difficulties with functional tasks. It is critical that we consider sensory processing issues for children with ASD due to their impact on behaviour, communication and social outcomes.

REGISTRATION **Due 6 March 2004**

Please Note:

Preference may be given to ABIQ members. Registration is essential and on registration, venue details will be supplied. **To reserve a place, contact ABIQ by telephone on 3264 2582 or by email enquiries@abiq.org**

Refreshments at tea break will be supplied

Funding & support

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provided funding to ABIQ to conduct a series of information seminars and workshops on Autism. This workshop is part of that series. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund improves the lives of Queenslanders through investing in Queensland's communities.

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