

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

## SOCIAL STORIES WORKSHOP

# Presenter: Jane Remington-Gurney

### Target participants: Parents & carers of children with Autism People working with children with Autism

## Monday 26 January 2004

9.00am – 3.00pm QUT Carseldine Campus Room to be advised Upon registration (Free parking available)

Free of charge

#### What are social stories?

Social Stories have proved to be a successful and popular way of helping children with Asperger Syndrome (AS) or Semantic-Pragmatic Disorder understand and mentally rehearse scenarios and interactions that present a challenge. They also provide an ideal opportunity for family and support staff to think more closely about how the person they are writing for/with views the situation. We are not going to spend a lot of time in this workshop going through the theory and development. We will be spending time writing and sharing stories so that you have something useful to take away.

#### Theory of social story writing

Social Stories are NOT information stories. Anyone can write a description of what will happen and how a behaviour should occur. Social Stories are designed with flexible language in mind. They are short, focussed and written to a formula. If you don't know what this formula is, then you should be coming along to learn and get some practice!

#### How to get the most out of the day?

Send in any Social Stories that you have written which you think are good and meet the criteria for Social Story Writing. Email a list of the situations where you think a Social Story might help and we will try to focus the writing in the workshop.

Bring a duplicate copy book so that you can leave us a copy of the Social Stories you write during the workshop. This is so that they can be checked, typed up as a collection and sent to you a few weeks after the workshop.

# REGISTRATION

## Due by 19 January 2004

## Please Note:

The workshop is limited to 30 participants. 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

## Includes lunch & refreshments

### 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.