

"Write me a Story": Use of Visual Language to develop better understanding of social language

Much of our everyday language contains information which is confusing and abstract, especially for people with autism. The participants for this workshop will be able to discuss the uses of story telling and written stories using Social Story formats, visual sequencing and captioning primarily with people who have challenges in social language and time comprehension, language learning and behavioural management. This training would be suitable for people working with or caring for a person with a disability who has difficulty understanding language and in particular the social aspects of using language in interactions.

Presenter Jane Remington-Gurney is a speech language pathologist with thirty years experience working with people who have developmental or acquired disabilities. Jane received a Master Trainer award from Syracuse University in 2009. She is currently in private practice specialising in complex communication needs. Jane illustrates her workshops with examples of how the theory can be put into practice. Jane has a publication to accompany each of her workshops.

When & Where

When	Where
9.30 – 3.30 pm Saturday 20 March 2010	Riverway Arts Centre 20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa

What : By the end of this session participants will be able to:

- Discuss why story telling is an effective teaching tool
- List reasons why some people find it difficult to understand the meaning in spoken language
- Compile a social story using the suggested format of the Carol Gray Centre to respond to a troublesome or praise worthy scenario
- Explore scenario from another person's perspective

Who Anyone interacting with people who have Autism, Asperger Syndrome or specific speech language impairment

Cost Target group - \$10 non-target group - \$30 parents/carers - \$10
(includes morning tea and lunch.)

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE... REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

For more information about this course, contact the DSTF Team on 3404 1493

Free call number available for parents & unpaid carers – 1800 851 848

Places may be limited per organisation depending on interest

APPLICATION FORM

DSTF – North Queensland Region



Write Me A Story

Activity ID:1604

20 March 2010, Riverway Arts Centre,
20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa

To Register	Complete this form and fax back to (07) 3234 0474 or post to: DSTF, Workforce Council, Ground Floor, 303 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000 CLOSING DATE: 5 March 2010 Strictly NO applications will be accepted after the closing dates
Confirmation & Payment	Letters advising confirmation of places in this activity will be sent after the closing date. If the activity is oversubscribed preference is given to those within the target group* and a limit per service may also be required. Please do not make payment until a confirmation letter has been received. This letter will include payment options.
Cancellations	Refunds will only be given if cancellation is advised more than 7 days prior to the event.

COMPLETE ALL DETAILS BELOW – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	
Name:	
Organisation (if applicable) :	
Email:	Phone:
Postal Address:	
Town/Suburb:	Postcode:

Are you a parent/family member or unpaid carer of a person with a disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you work for a Dept of Communities (Disability Services) funded service?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
What is your position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Support Worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator/Manager
	<input type="checkbox"/> Management Committee Member	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
Any essential dietary requirements?		
Do you have any disability related needs that may require support? (please contact us to arrange details)		
What is your interest in attending this event?		
Amount Payable	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10– Parents/family members and unpaid carers	
<i>per person (GST Free)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 – Target Group*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30– Non Target Group

**The DSTF target group includes workers in community based organisations who receive funding from Dept of Communities – (Disability Services), unpaid carers and family members of people with a disability.
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