



## A two day course for practitioners

### **'Preschoolers with Autism: An Education and Skills Training Programme for Parents'**

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#### **Background Information**

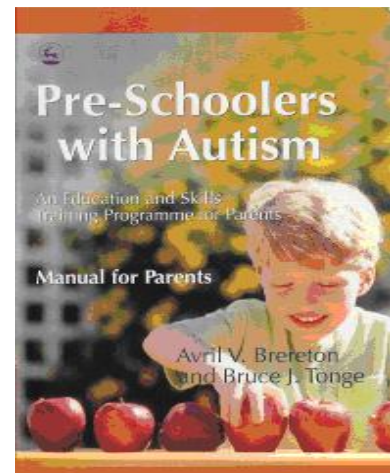
'Preschoolers with Autism: An education and skills training programme for parents' (Brereton & Tonge, 2005) is an effective, manualised parent education programme that was developed by the authors as a response to their concern that parents and carers of young children with autism can easily be left out of the learning loop right from the start.

Their aim in designing this programme was to help parents/carers of young children with autism to understand what autism is and how it affects their child's development, play and behaviour, communication skills and ability to socialise with others. The authors view is that families do better when parents/carers have the opportunity to work in partnership with professionals. Meeting with other parents whose children have autism to share feelings and experiences is also important.

The 'Preschoolers with Autism' programme was designed for children with Autistic Disorder, aged 3-5 years and diagnosed within the previous 12 months. It is a 20 week programme with 10 group sessions (90 minutes) and 10 individual sessions (60 minutes). The groups have approximately 5 families.

#### **Two day practitioner training course content**

- Small group format (Max. 10 participants)
- Background, research findings, programme outline
- Detailed discussion & workshop activities including video footage, case studies, small group workshop activities



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<b>Dates:</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June & Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2010
<b>Time:</b>	9.30am – 4.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Time for a future: Centre for Child Development 56 High Street, Woodend
<b>Cost:</b>	\$550.00
<b>Lunch:</b>	Will be provided
<b>Bring:</b>	Clinicians Manual (Available through Footprint Books)
<b>Note:</b>	Training will proceed if sufficient bookings are made by 19.5.10 Applicants will be advised by 21.5.10

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**Booking Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Post payment & booking form by 19.5.10 to:

Time for a Future: Centre for Child Development  
56 High Street, Woodend Vic. 3442

Please make cheque/money order payable to Dr. Avril Brereton

Booking form becomes a tax invoice on receipt of payment

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