

8 STEPS FOR:

TALKING TO FAMILIES ABOUT DIAGNOSIS

A Step-By-Step Guide for Educators

1

COME FROM A TONE OF CARING FOR THE CHILD

Tone is everything. The first few sentences and gestures you make are so important to the success of the meeting.

2

START WITH POSITIVES

Share positive observations or bring examples of their great work. Don't just jump into your concerns about the child.

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AIM FOR AN ASSESSMENT.

Many families don't know educators can't diagnose children.

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COME PREPARED

Listen to podcast episode 240 for indicators/red flags to observe and discuss.

5

SHARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS

Share your observations of the child in your setting and ask the families whether they have seen the same

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COLLABORATE

Ask families what they think! Be open-minded, and value what they have to say.

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PROVIDE SOLUTION PATHS

Have a list of recommended professionals on hand. List available in episode 240.

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PLAN NEXT STEPS

When the meeting is done, you should have come up with a plan they have agreed to and a date to review this.

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1) Face to Face Workshops

New South Wales

Dubbo - Thursday 6th March 25
Sydney (Burwood) - Friday 7th March 25
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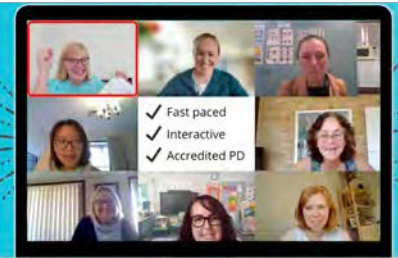
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- Teacher Assistant Online Course - Connection & Engagement	2 Hour Course
- Teacher Assistant Online Course - Behaviour Strategies	2 Hour Course
- Emotional Regulation Masterclass - Sue Larkey	3 Hour Course
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- Executive Functioning - An Educators Guide	2 Hour Course

3) Professional Development Day At Your School/Organisation

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