

Creating Communication Opportunities for Young Children with Complex Communication Needs



A practical course for education and health professionals, including Early Intervention teachers and support workers; families, whanau and other interested people. This workshop looks at ways to maximise the use of low/mid tech communication to help children with complex communication needs develop some early communication skills.

This three hour course covers:

- Developing a communication toolkit
- The essential skills you need to be a good communication partner.
- Visual Strategies that help make sense of the world... objects of reference, visual schedules, sign and others.
- Communication books and boards: what to put in them and how to make sure they are useful and used!
- Core vocabulary: what it is, why it is so important, and how to help children learn to use it.
- Scripted and aided language routines: a play tool
- Games for communication.
- Where do we start with switches

Lots of practical tools, resources and tips and tricks will be shared.

**For more information regarding courses in your area,
or if you would like to host a course in your area
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