Allied to Kids is an initiative of the NSW Children’s Healthcare Network. The newsletter will be circulated regularly to provide updates and information to support allied health professionals who work with kids and their families.

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Speech Pathology Foundations for Paediatric Feeding

The NSW Speech Pathology Advisors Network, Paediatric Feeding Education Group invites you to attend Speech Pathology Foundations for Paediatric Feeding, a 2-day workshop to be held on 20th and 21st October, 2016.

This 2-day workshop will focus on providing foundational knowledge with practical support regarding the assessment and management of children with feeding difficulties. The workshop program will include pre-learning resources, lecture presentations, case-based learning using video of clinical cases, as well as access to feeding equipment and samples.

The target audience for the workshop is speech pathologists working in hospitals or the community who are new or less experienced working with children with feeding difficulties. In addition, the workshop may suit more senior clinicians who would like to consolidate their foundational knowledge and skills with this client group.

The workshop will cover key principles of practice in the assessment and management of feeding difficulties in children. Participants will be taken through the process of conducting a comprehensive feeding assessment and use case studies to demonstrate practical management strategies for common feeding issues including, but not limited to:

- Muscle tone and postural issues
- Cardiac and respiratory conditions
- Sensory issues
- Transition through textures
- Transition from tube to oral feeding
- Behavioural feeding issues
- Gastro-oesophageal reflux
- Developmental delay
- Medically complex children

Upon registration, participants will have the opportunity to submit cases that they have found challenging for review and discussion during the workshop.

Complete online registration form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPFFoundations.

NB: All participants will receive a printed copy of Feeding Difficulties in Children. A Guide for Allied Health Professionals.
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Allied Health Educational Secondment Program Expressions of Interest - Now Open

The Allied Health Educational Secondment Program provides opportunities for NSW Health allied health professionals who work with children to access education and support by visiting one of the tertiary children’s hospitals or a specialist clinic. An educational secondment can be up to five days in length depending on the objectives of the allied health professionals and the capacity of the hosting department.

An Educational Secondment may include one or a combination of:

- A visit to the paediatric tertiary centre, specialist clinic or other health facility for up to five days to improve your knowledge/skills in a specified area of your paediatric work.
- A visit to the paediatric tertiary centre, specialist clinic or other health facility to observe and participate in the management of a client who has been referred by that department by you, or who will be referred to you by the paediatric tertiary centre, specialist clinic or other health facility.
- Paediatric tertiary centre/allied health staff may also be available to outreach to locations to provide clinical support to groups of clinicians.

The secondment will be tailored to address specific learning objectives related to the clinician’s current caseload working with children. Funding support may be available to cover reasonable travel and accommodation expenses. Applications will be considered based on learning objectives submitted and the capacity of the hosting department.

Expressions of interest for this round close on 30th September 2016

For further details or to complete the online expression of interest form please visit the “Allied to Kids” website at http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html or contact one of the Allied Health Educators (details p 11).

Online Networking - have your say

One of the initiatives of Allied to Kids, is the facilitation of informal clinical networks – locally, regionally, state-wide. One of the strategies to facilitate this has been the online networking groups on HSNet. These have included Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Play Therapy, Psychology, Social Work and Speech Pathology groups as an online forum for sharing of information, ideas and client challenges. These groups have been maintained and membership moderated by the Allied Health Educators, Allied to Kids, NSW Children’s Healthcare Network.

The activity in these online forums has decreased significantly over the last 12 months and they may no longer meet the needs of allied health professionals working with children and families. With the development and use of new technologies the Allied Health Educators are exploring other opportunities to facilitate networking and would like to seek your comments or suggestions on what will work for you? Current options being explored include Twitter, Facebook and online blogs. Please feel free to share any ideas or suggestions you have by sending an email to the allied health educators on SCHN-AlliedToKids@health.nsw.gov.au.
New plan for children and young people

The NSW Government has launched the first-ever NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2016-2019 which will help ensure children and young people in NSW have opportunities to thrive, get the services they need and have their voice heard.

The children and young people of New South Wales were the first to have a say on what is Australia’s first legislated Strategic Plan for Children and Young People. The office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) consulted more than 4,000 children and young people across NSW in 2015 to ensure that they were able to set the themes and direction of the Plan.

A series of questions was developed for the consultations. The questions were piloted with children and young people and were refined into four open-ended questions: What is working well? What is not working well? What are the top priorities for the NSW Government to focus on? What are the qualities of a good society for children and young people?

The consultations employed different methodologies of consulting with children and young people, including group consultations in schools, preschools, youth services, clubs and events and young people themselves were trained to facilitate group consultations. In addition individual online surveys and postcards were used to involve more children and young people. The Advocate listened directly to over 2,000 children and young people.

Results summary from consultations with children and young people in NSW

The following is a summary of the top answers to four questions as answered by more than 4,000 children and young people. They answered the questions reflecting on their lives and the lives of all children and young people in NSW.

1. What is working well?
   - Health care: 72%
   - Access to sports & social activities: 27%
   - Access to sport fields, facilities and parks: 23%
   - Education: 23%

2. What is not working well?
   - Bullying: 53%
   - Drug and alcohol use: 31%
   - Employment: 30%
   - Transport: 17%

3. What are the top priorities for the NSW Govt to focus on?
   - Education: 67%
   - Transport: 23%
   - Employment: 18%
   - Health care: 33%
   - Mental health support and awareness: 23%

4. What are the qualities of a good society?
   - Respect: 51%
   - Equality: 31%
   - Safety: 23%
   - Supportive environments: 38%
   - Inclusion: 39%
New plan for children and young people continued

The Plan aims to ensure children and young people in NSW are safe, connected, respected, have opportunities, are healthy and well, and have a voice in decisions that affect them. As part of developing the Plan, the Office of the Advocate of Children and Young People consulted with more than 4,000 children and young people right across NSW.

Key commitments under the Plan include:

- Investing an additional $900,000 in extra resources for the Office of the Advocate to further undertake his statutory responsibilities on behalf of children and young people across the State,
- $700,000 to develop a website to connect children and young people to local services and opportunities to further integrate into their local communities,
- Develop a Quality Assessors program to train children and young people to review services and provide feedback directly to government, and
- Further embedding the participation of children and young people in NSW Government consultations.


Culturally Responsive Professional Development Opportunities

Would you like to engage with and deliver culturally safe and responsive care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on a new level?

Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), a national not for profit, member-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health organisation, invites you to attend our annual National Forum and Awards to be held in Canberra over three days, 29 November – 1 December 2016!

IAHA is committed to building and supporting a strong and resilient Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce and a culturally responsive wider workforce acting in partnership with individuals, families and communities. With this in mind, IAHA provides professional development opportunities throughout the year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous allied health professionals and students.

The 2016 IAHA National Forum and Awards provides a culturally safe place and space to enjoy a diverse range of interactive and thought-provoking workshops that will enhance your professional and personal journeys. Workshop topics have been chosen across a broad range of themes to provide opportunities to increase your knowledge and skills, within the context of improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.

The professional development workshops are designed for participants from diverse health disciplines, job roles and sectors. Interprofessional engagement with other participants, utilising the collective perspectives, strengths and attributes from across disciplines and sectors, will value-add to learning experiences for all.


Written by Indigenous Allied Health Australia
eLearning Opportunities

Queensland Health’s Clinical Skills Development Service (CSDS) is a technologically advanced and comprehensive skill development service. It provides healthcare professionals with the tools to improve their skills and enhance the quality of patient care. One of the initiatives is access to eLearning which is available free of charge to non-Queensland health healthcare professionals through the CSDS website at [http://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/](http://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/). eLearning courses are offered online, often using multimedia and interactivity to engage participants in learning. Some are stand-alone courses, while others are part of a blended learning approach along with a face-to-face course component.

The main advantage of eLearning is that it provides a flexible approach to education and training, as participants can work through and access the materials at times that are suitable to them, from work or home.

**Topics that may be of interest include:**

The General Allied-Health Principles of Paediatrics (GAPP) course provides background knowledge about the key principles to paediatric care, establishing a framework in which allied health professionals and other healthcare providers can work to better meet the health needs of this vulnerable population. It addresses individual, system, societal, and legislative issues which set children apart from adults, and which need to be adopted in contemporary paediatric practice. It also sets the scene for health professionals to develop more discipline-specific knowledge and skills for management of children.

This course is designed for both preregistration allied health students and allied health practitioners, who have limited exposure to managing paediatric patients and to those who are seeking to update their knowledge of current principles guiding paediatric service provision.

The Paediatric Feeding and Swallowing Education course aims to provide you with knowledge that will assist in the assessment and management of infants and young children with feeding and/or swallowing difficulties.

This course is designed for both preregistration speech pathology students and speech pathologists who have limited exposure to managing paediatric patients with feeding and/or swallowing difficulties.

Spina Bifida is a self-contained online learning package that addresses physiotherapy assessment and management of children with spina bifida and related spinal disabilities. This self-paced package provides interactive learning opportunities for physiotherapists to develop their knowledge, skills, and confidence in managing paediatric spinal disabilities.

The Cardiorespiratory acute paediatric physiotherapy (CAPP) aims to improve preparedness and confidence in physiotherapists in managing paediatric patients with acute cardiorespiratory conditions, particularly through the early years, in terms of clinical presentation, assessment, clinical decision making (including anticipatory care strategies), and treatment planning. To enhance the learning experience there is video footage, animations, and glossary terms. There are also a number of interactive case studies, which will allow participants to apply the knowledge they have learnt. This eLearning course was possible due to funding made available by Health Workforce Australia.

For further information, go to [https://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/elearning](https://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/elearning).

Adapted from [http://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/](http://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/)
Interprofessional Family Conferencing

Interprofessional family conferences are a vital part of patient care, bringing together the treating team with the patient and their family. Effective family conferences require careful planning, facilitation and communication skills.

The Children’s Healthcare Network Allied Health Educators have been working with HETI as part of a working group to develop an education program to support clinicians to engage in interprofessional family conferences. The education program will include an eLearning module, workshop and simulated family conference. The Interprofessional Family Conferencing education program is currently being piloted in nominated facilities across NSW Health.

On 1st August, the Sydney Children’s Hospital, Rehab4Kids team participated in a paediatric-focused pilot of the Interprofessional Family Conferencing education program. The half-day simulation based workshop was held at Kids Simulation Australia, Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick. Participants from Rehab4Kids included Rehabilitation Specialists, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Case Manager and allied health professionals from Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology.

Pre-learning for the workshop comprised the Interprofessional Family Conferencing eLearning module. The simulation-based workshop aimed to present the key skills required to facilitate and/or participate in a family conference, and provide an opportunity for learners to practice these skills. Participants had the opportunity to participate in a simulated interprofessional family conference that replicated a real-life clinical scenario. In this case, the scenario depicted discussion and shared decision-making with a parent and family member of a young child regarding their ongoing management and transition to school. Following the simulation participants engaged in a debriefing session to reflect on the simulation, think about the experience and consider more effective ways to deal with it in the future.

It is anticipated that the pilot of the Interprofessional Family Conferencing education program will be finalised later this year. The Allied Health Educators intend to offer education regarding Interprofessional Family Conferencing to clinicians who work with children. If you and your colleagues are interested in accessing this simulation-based education, please contact one of the Allied Health Educators (see contact details page 11).
Allied Health Workplace Learning Grants program for 2016/2017

The HETI Allied Health Portfolio is pleased to announce that the Allied Health Workplace Learning Grants program for 2016/2017 is now open.

The Program provides financial support to teams/groups of allied health professionals and/or allied health assistants seeking to further develop their knowledge and skills through workplace learning opportunities that occur during 2017. Eligible teams/groups of allied health professionals and/or allied health assistants are able to apply for one-off grants of up to $4000 to support access to workplace learning opportunities which will enhance their ability to perform in their current role.


There is no longer a requirement for Chief Executive endorsement as part of the application process. All applications will continue to require endorsement from the Allied Health Director or equivalent position within your district or network. There is no limit to the number of applications which can be lodged by LHDs/Specialty Health Networks provided the criteria are addressed for each application.

Applications will be assessed by a review committee, and funding will be awarded based on the merit of the application.

There is a training module available on HETI online ‘Evaluating Education and Training’ that may assist your application preparation.

If you require any further information please don’t hesitate to contact:

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(02) 9844 6599
michael.dunne@health.nsw.gov.au

Kate Fletcher (Mon – Fri)
(02) 9844 6514
Kate.Fletcher@health.nsw.gov.au

Research Project - Beyond Milestones with Allied Health

Allied health professionals who work with children come from a range of tertiary education backgrounds and clinical experiences. Regardless of their profession, a comprehensive knowledge of normal childhood development at its application to observational assessment is essential.

In the coming months, the Children’s Healthcare Network Allied Health Educators, in collaboration with the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network, will be undertaking a research project to evaluate the effectiveness of an online resource to develop the knowledge and skills of allied health professionals regarding normal childhood development and observational assessment.

Participation in the research study is entirely voluntary. All allied health professionals currently employed in participating NSW Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks are eligible.

In the next few months, detailed information regarding the research project will be distributed through participating Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks. Written consent will be obtained from all participants prior to their enrolment in the project.

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network.

For further details, contact your local Allied Health Educator (details on page 11).
Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. “Protecting children is everyone’s business.”

Launched on Father’s Day every year National Child Protection Week, now in its 26th year, supports and encourages the safety and wellbeing of Australian children and families through the Play Your Part Awards, events, programs and resources.

NAPCAN’s (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) campaign aims to provide communities and individuals with practical information on how to ‘Play Your Part’ and to embed primary prevention messages into social discourse. It also provides a platform for communities to be empowered, resourced and mobilised to take action at a local level.

Playing your part can range from encouraging children and young people’s participation in their community to hosting a National Child Protection Week event or promoting a family friendly environment at your work.

This year NAPCAN encourages you to build on “Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business: Play Your Part” by focussing on the theme ‘Stronger Communities, Safer Children’. This theme emphasises the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well.

Communities in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well.

Adapted from http://napcan.org.au/ncpw/

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Child Protection Week at Sydney Children's Hospital is 5-9 September 2016

There will be a stall in the foyer of Sydney Children’s Hospital with activities and Child Protection information all week with a fun launch on the Monday 12-2pm. We will also have a cybersafety expert talk at grand rounds on the Wednesday and talks about protective behaviours and e-safety on Tuesday and Friday lunch time-see below.

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| 10am-2.30pm Stall 12- 2pm – Launch of Child Protection week Hospital Foyer Music/fun/games | Stall 10-2.30pm 12.30 – 1.15pm Teaching Children Protective behaviours talk Speaker: Kate Power-Author of Underpants Rules Book Venue: Child protection unit Meeting room Target Audience: parents/staff | Stall 10-3pm 1 - 2pm Grandrounds talk Caring for kids in an online world. Speaker: Cyber Bullying expert – Susan Mclean Venue: Lecture Theatre Target audience: Hospital staff Susan to be available before & after talk at foyer stall. | Stall 10-2.30pm 11-1pm e-safety talk 
Children’s e-safety Commissioner - Kellie Britnell Venue: Lecture Theatre Target audience: parents & staff (explicit content) | |
## Statewide Telehealth Education Opportunities

Available to allied health professionals who provide services through NSW Health

### Children’s Healthcare Network Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education

The Allied Health Telehealth Virtual Education sessions are held on selected **Tuesdays** from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Sessions will be presented via either videoconference or web conferencing (WebEx). Upcoming sessions:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUT-OFF TO REGISTER FOR ANY SESSION IS 12 NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THAT SESSION.**

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To view the 2016 sessions as well as see details regarding the registration process please visit the Allied to Kids website [http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html](http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html). Instructions for viewing recorded sessions online are also available on the website. Alternatively, contact one of the Allied Health Educators (details on page 11).

### Sydney Children’s Hospital Medical Grand Rounds

The SCH Medical Grand Rounds Education Program is held each **Wednesday** from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming sessions:

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To connect via WebEx go to: [https://sesihsmeetings.webex.com/sesihsmeetings/j.php?MTID=m14401bcc57304d7b6500b8a8a46490ce](https://sesihsmeetings.webex.com/sesihsmeetings/j.php?MTID=m14401bcc57304d7b6500b8a8a46490ce)

### John Hunter Children’s Hospital Paediatric Grand Rounds

The JHCH Paediatric Grand Rounds Education Program is held each **Tuesday** from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming session topics include (more specific details are released one week prior to the session):

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For instructions on how to view these sessions online or to access previous sessions, please email Sonia.Hughes@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.
Submissions for Future Editions of Allied to Kids

Let us know about your workshops, new programs, events, research or positions vacant. Clinical articles need to be evidence based with a relevant (albeit short) reference list. Submissions can be sent to any of the Allied Health Educators (email details are listed above) and need to be received no later than the 25th of each month to ensure inclusion in the following month’s edition. Remember, Allied to Kids is a newsletter for allied health professionals by allied health professionals.

Please note the inclusion of event/resource details in this newsletter does not constitute endorsement by the NSW Children’s Healthcare Network. Individuals are responsible for determining the credentials of events/resources in line with their own professional standards.

Save the date

2016 NSW Rural Health & Research Congress

‘The Rural Health Vision: Translate, integrate and innovate!’

The Health Education and Training Institute, Northern NSW Local Health District and Congress partners are pleased to announce the 2016 NSW Rural Health and Research Congress which will be held in the beautiful coastal location of Tweed Heads from the 9th to the 11th November. It will involve three days of inspiring keynote speakers, innovative researchers and a diverse offering of concurrent sessions and poster presentations not to mention networking with colleagues whilst overlooking the magnificent Tweed River.

Further information will be made available in the coming months.

Working together to achieve “Breast is Best”

16-17 February 2017 - The Children’s Hospital Westmead

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting renowned lactation consultant Cathy Watson Genna and speech pathologist Lisa Sandora. Cathy and Lisa will be presenting a 2-day seminar on the challenges of establishing and maintaining breastfeeding for medically complex infants.

This workshop is aimed at speech pathologists, lactation consultants, and other nursing, medical and Allied Health professionals working with neonates and infants with feeding difficulties.

For further information or to express interest, please contact: jane.pettigrew@health.nsw.gov.au or noella.phillips@health.nsw.gov.au.
Save the date continued

27th National Occupational Therapy Conference
19-21 July 2017 - Perth
The vision for the 2017 conference is ‘Partnership, Inclusion and Innovation’. The scientific committee, led by their Chair, Dr Mandy Stanley are using the vision to guide the development of an exciting, stimulating and innovative program. The theme of participation, inclusion and innovation covers many levels, and the scientific committee are developing an excellent program for delegates that will inspire and stimulate; with a platform then to thrive and develop in our practice.

Conferences/Workshops/Webinars

The Hand Assessment for Infants (HAI)
A new test to measure infants’ use of hands, each hand separately and both hands together
30 September & 1 October 2016 - The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
A new assessment of hand function has recently been developed for infants at risk of developing cerebral palsy (CP) in the age range 3-12 months old. The HAI intends to measure the degree and quality of goal directed actions performed with each hand separately as well as with both hands together.
For further information email Carlie Taylor - carlie.taylor@health.nsw.gov.au.

Speech Pathology Foundations for Paediatric Feeding
20 & 21 October 2016 - Sydney
NSW Health employees - $250
Non-Health employees - $300
The Speech Pathology Advisors Network Paediatric Feeding Education Working Group will be holding a two day workshop on 20 & 21 October 2016. The workshop will focus on providing foundational knowledge with practical support regarding the assessment and management of children with feeding difficulties.
The target audience for the workshop is speech pathologists working in hospitals or the community who are new or less experienced working with children with feeding difficulties. In addition the workshop may suit more senior clinicians who would like to consolidate their foundational knowledge and skills with this client group.
To register, complete the online registration form: www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP Foundations.
Enquiries to: Allied Health Educators, Children’s Healthcare Network
Jenny Nicol - Jennifer.Nicol@health.nsw.gov.au or
Carmel Blayden - Carmel.Blayden@health.nsw.gov.au
**Conferences/Workshops/Webinars continued**

**Emotion-based Social Skills Facilitator Training for Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mild Intellectual Delay**

27 & 28 October 2016 - The Children's Hospital at Westmead

“Emotion-based Social Skills Training” (EBSST) is an innovative mental health promotion program developed at the Children’s Hospital at Westmead for children with High Functioning Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome, aged 8 to 12 years, their parents and teachers.

EBSST Facilitator Training has been designed for psychologists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, school counsellors and related clinicians who have clinical experience in Autism and are interested in expanding their therapeutic skills.


For registration and further information contact:

Phuong Pam - phuong.pham@health.nsw.gov.au or

Rebecca Low - rebecca.low@health.nsw.gov.au.

**HNEkidshealth 2016 Conference**

21 & 22 October 2016 - Pokolbin, NSW

This year’s program will consist of lectures, workshops and short research updates. The conference has content for medical, nursing and allied health professionals on current evidence based practice on a variety of health related issues for children, young people and their families.

International Speaker, author and mentor coach Shivani Gupta will open the conference with “Passion in the Work Place.”


**Physios Think Kids**

28 October 2016 - The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

A full day of lectures with streams for both beginner and experienced paediatric physiotherapists. This course hosted by The Children’s Hospital at Westmead will cover a wide variety of paediatric physiotherapy conditions and treatments.

For a copy of the program and registration form contact:

Meghan Harman - meghan.harman@health.nsw.gov.au.
ECAV training in Western NSW

The Western NSW LHD Kids & Families Strategies Integrated Violence Prevention Team is hosting a range of workshops provided by the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) throughout 2016 in Orange and Dubbo.

It was identified as highly important that access to high quality, specialist, training be available to our LHD staff locally; negating the need for travel to a major city for the opportunity. The range of training opportunities offer clinicians skill and theoretical development and enhanced practice improvement within a trauma informed framework.

For further information and to register for a course visit the EVAC website at:


or contact WNSWLHD District Manager Child Protection Strategies, Stacy Whiley via:

stacy.whiley@health.nsw.gov.au.

10 November 2016 Orange Overview of dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) in SA-1215 responding to people with complex trauma

15 - 17 November 2016 Orange Responding to people with a disability who have been sexually assaulted SA-1214

22 - 23 November 2016 Orange Domestic violence and child protection for maternity & DV-606 child & family health nurses

Prechtl’s Method of the Qualitative Assessment of General Movements

Basic and Advanced Training

13 - 15 November 2016 - Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital Campus, Qld.

These workshops will provide either an introduction or a more intensive training into this new assessment method. Compelling evidence is now available that qualitative assessment of General Movements at a very early age is the best predictor for cerebral palsy. This method has become a potent supplement to the traditional kind of neurological examination.

For further details and online registration go to:


A Palliative Approach - Bear Cottage Children’s Hospice

21 November 2016 - The Children’s Hospital Westmead

The interactive workshops are presented by PEPA and Bear Cottage Palliative Care Service. It is suitable for people working in health across all settings with limited/moderate palliative care experience. It will cover common conditions/symptoms, referrals/eligibility, allied health and the role of social work at Bear Cottage and Footprints in the Sand.

Register and print out you ticket on-line via http://profile.eventarc.com/profile/PEPANSW.
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