

## Occupational Therapy and Autism:

### The Occupational Therapy role in diagnosis, intervention and integration/inclusion

**Carillon Room, The Stage Conference Centre - SUV**

**90 Carillon Avenue, Newtown – Sydney**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**9.00am – 4.30pm**

Autism spectrum disorder, asperger's syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder are some of the fastest growing diagnoses. These developmental disabilities cause severe impairment to a child's communication, social interactions, play skills and behaviour. The role of Occupational Therapy with these children and their families is to gain an understanding of the individual's abilities and difficulties in performing daily occupations such as play, school, leisure and personal care activities. As well as providing intervention and strategies to assist the child's development within a number of domains including:

- Fine motor and visual perceptual skill development
- Sensory processing/modulation
- communication and interaction skills, including play skills
- adapting to their environment/routines.

This three day workshop aims to give occupational therapists an understanding of the breadth of their role in the multidisciplinary team with regard to assessment and interventions with these children and their families.

**Aims/objectives** of the workshop are to provide participants with:

- An understanding of the Occupational Therapy role in assessment and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, (including an overview of various assessment tools)
- gaining an overview of the frames of reference/treatment approaches that underpin Occupational Therapy intervention for these children and their families, focusing on the areas of sensory processing difficulties/sensory modulation and play/social communication.
- Gaining an understanding of task adaptation/environmental modifications that may assist these children to participate in self care tasks such as feeding, personal hygiene and sleep
- Gaining an understanding of task adaptation/environmental modifications that may assist these children to attend and participate in school-based activities.

Arrival tea/coffee, morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch provided. This workshop is suitable for occupational therapists.

#### About the Presenter

Dr Chris Chapparo PhD, DipOT is widely recognized on an international level for her contribution to occupational therapy through her teaching, research and community service activities and she has received various awards for her work. Dr Chapparo has interests in cognition, management of sensory/ motor problems in children and adults and occupational therapy theory. She is the co-author with Judy Ranka BSc (OT) MA, of Occupational Performance Model (Australia). Dr Chapparo is a founding member of Sensory Integration International and the Australian SI Faculty and she is a neurodevelopmental therapy instructor. Her research interests lie in the areas of children's information processing and social participation.

**Registrations** for this workshop are now open (registration form below). For further enquires please contact Zi Mei Events on [info@zimei.com.au](mailto:info@zimei.com.au) or (07) 3847 8375.

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### Workshop Participant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Town/Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you have any special requirements? (e.g. dietary requirements, access, etc.):  Yes  No

### Payment Details

\$675.00 (GST inc) **Early Bird Registration** (registration and payment received prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012)

\$750.00 (GST inc) **Standard Registration** (registration and payment received after 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012)

**Payment via Cheque/Money Order** (please make out to Zi Mei Events):

Cheque  Money Order  Bank Cheque

### Payment via Direct Debit

Please include the **participant's name as the reference** when making a direct debit deposit

**ANZ Bank Account:** Zi Mei Events      **BSB** 014 313      **Acc No** 485 291 802

### Payment Via Credit Card

payment is available via credit card using Paypal facilities. Participants wishing to use this payment method will be emailed further information regarding payment once this form has been received. Please ensure correct email details provided above. Please note an additional Paypal service fee of 2.5% applies to all credit card transactions.

### Please return Registration Forms to:

**Zi Mei Events**

PO Box 685

Stones Corner Q 4120

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### Registration Confirmation

Workshop Participants will receive a confirmation email on receipt of their registration form and payment. The confirmation email will include further details with regard to access to venue and parking. If you have not received a confirmation email within 5 days of registering – please contact us so that we can confirm we have received your registration and payment. Please note that we are unable to guarantee a place on the workshop until both registration and payment have been received.

### Registration Closing Date

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012

This form will become a Tax Invoice upon receipt of the appropriate registration fees  
Please retain a copy of this form for tax purposes