

## **Autism and ABA**

### **Seminar Series**

The Autistic Spectrum Intervention Support Trust (ASIST) is proud to present a monthly seminar series that outlines how Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) can benefit your child. Since it was developed in the United States in the 1960s, ABA has evolved into a flexible therapy program that can dramatically improve the outcome for children with autism, regardless of their initial abilities.

#### **Introduction to Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)**

*Date:* Wednesday 24 March, 7.30-8.30pm  
with question time to 9.00pm

*Place:* Christchurch Community House,  
141 Hereford St, Christchurch Central

*Cost:* Free

#### **Facilitating Social Development for Children on the Autistic Spectrum**

*Date:* Wednesday 21 April, 7.30-8.30pm  
with question time to 9.00pm

*Place:* Christchurch Community House,  
141 Hereford St, Christchurch Central

*Cost:* \$15 per person or \$20 per family

Please come along if you are interested in one of these seminars. For information on the ASIST seminars to follow in 2010, visit our website or contact ASIST on 027 746 9425.

#### **Presenter: Laurie McLay**

Laurie McLay has worked with children with an autism spectrum disorder for the past 7 years. She specialises in establishing and implementing programmes for children and teenagers based on the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis. During her time in this field, Laurie has worked in Melbourne and has completed intensive training in the USA. She currently works in both Wellington and Christchurch. Laurie is also conducting research towards her PhD at the University of Canterbury in the Department of Educational Studies and Human Development. The focus of her research is on enhancing teaching efficiency and skill generalisation in children with an autism spectrum disorder. Laurie McLay can be contacted on 027 213 7783 or email [lauriemclay@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lauriemclay@yahoo.com.au)

#### **ASIST**

The Autistic Spectrum Intervention Support Trust was formed to raise awareness of childhood autism and to reduce the financial burden on families whose children are receiving Applied Behaviour Analysis.

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