

NETwork Interventions provide leading edge consultation services for those individuals with language delays and behavioural issues. They apply the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) to create the foundations of spontaneous language and reciprocal communication, building success in social interactions. The ethos is to create networks of parents who can share workshops and valuable information, sharing in the most recent research advances for those with autism and related disabilities. NETwork Interventions are dedicated to providing quality and up to the minute intervention and support, with free clinics offered to family members looking to explore Verbal Behaviour.

The aim is to move all of our clients towards conversing, socializing and enjoying life with their family and peers.

If your child has autism or a developmental delay, or struggles with his or her communication, social, academic or behavioural skills then NETwork Interventions can help you. We have a team of qualified, experienced and passionate consultants who can teach you as a parent to take control of your child's learning. If your child struggles in any of these areas, the key is in teaching more effective communication.

Guiding our children's behaviour is one of the most challenging aspects of being a parent, but does not have to be a constant unfulfilling struggle. There is no 'right' way to parent and set ways to encourage and motivate. What there are, however, are proven ways to positively change our children's behaviour and interactions within our families.

WHAT IS VERBAL BEHAVIOUR (VB)?

The most socially significant human behaviour is verbal behaviour. Language acquisition, social relationships, academics, problem solving and perception are a few examples which have direct relevance to verbal behaviour.

A global interest in verbal behaviour, with a particular focus on autism, developmental delay and typical child development is currently taking place. Research is now actively growing with the focus on B.F. Skinner's 1957 seminal study of *Verbal Behaviour*. Skinner's detailed analysis of verbal behaviour provides readily identifiable components of speech and the function of speech: Mand, Tact and Intraverbal. This systematic analysis has assisted researchers to develop intervention strategies that have improved the language abilities of individuals.

Verbal Behaviour is simply the basis of how and why behaviours occur. Effective communication is achieved by teaching the true meaning of a word, rather than the form. The more effectively our learners can communicate, the less need they have to engage in inappropriate behaviours. Research overwhelmingly supports the use of Verbal Behaviour and, through the years, more effective techniques have been developed which help us best teach our learners with autism and other developmental disabilities to reach their maximum potential. The focus of ABA today should be on Natural Environment Teaching (NET).

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WHAT IS NET?

Natural Environment Teaching uses children's naturally occurring motivations to bring about spontaneous conversational skills. This can be achieved in a huge array of environments such as the supermarket, on holiday, out to dinner or at birthday parties. Verbal Behaviour is used to teach our learners new motivations, including pairing of attention and social interactions to become genuinely reinforcing. Using the principles of ABA, we can teach parents to determine the function of their child's behaviours, equipping the people closest to the learner with the tools to deal with behaviours confidently, wherever and whatever the situation. We realise that this all can seem very daunting, but we are here to fully support you every step of the way!

Consultations

NETwork Interventions is a behavioural consulting company dedicated to providing quality services through the use of cutting edge research. Our goal is to apply the principles of ABA to increase spontaneous language, social interactions and ultimately reciprocal conversations. At NETwork Interventions we provide experienced and qualified Behaviour Analysts to develop home and school verbal behaviour programmes.

Workshops

NETwork Interventions specialises in providing a series of low cost, hands on training workshops to teach others how to teach VB to children with language delays. Our workshops are catered to family members and therapists who take an active role in their child's language development, as well as to consultants and other professionals.

This THREE DAY hands on teaching workshop will teach you the following:

- ▣ The most recent research advances for teaching our children
 - What is ABA/VB?
 - What are Natural Environment Teaching and Intensive Teaching?
 - How to make teaching a way of life for parents
 - Errorless Teaching Procedures to use in each teaching environment
 - How to make learning fun and maintain learner cooperation when teaching
 - Using the ABLLS and ABLLS-R to develop teaching programs
 - Determining the function of problem behaviour
 - Teaching an unwilling learner to willingly hand over reinforcing Items/activities
 - How and when to use prompts whilst teaching
 - How and when to use reinforcement
 - Using stimulus-stimulus pairing to make new toys/activities valuable
 - Teaching children of all levels to engage in independent play
 - Learn how to prevent child errors when teaching & use error correction procedure
 - Problem Solving Strategies
 - How to contrive and manipulate motivation to teach language and other skills
 - Teach learners new and true motivations
 - How to teach the child to generalise skills across environments
 - Teach non vocal learners to make initial sounds
 - Teaching early learners to request hundreds of items and activities
 - Teaching language to non vocal learners using sign language
 - Transitioning from sign language to vocal verbal behaviour
 - Teach learners to be motivated for and to request attention
 - Teaching learners to converse using 'yes', 'no', prepositions, pronouns, adjectives
 - syntax and grammar issues
 - Teaching Conversation to Advanced Learners, including answering and asking novel and spontaneous 'wh' format questions
 - Teaching social skills to all learner levels
 - Data collection including how and why to take data
 - How to begin your home program: how to tailor this to your family and financial situation
- AND MUCH MORE....

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Louise Cheetham, BCABA, PG Cert ABA, BSc (hons) Psyc and Shelley Brown, Dip Beh Sci, BA Psyc, founder and associate of NETwork Interventions, co present this hands on three day workshop. Louise and Shelley have over thirteen years experience in the field, with the workshops to teach those with autism and developmental delay now being presented globally. Both have extensive experience in working with schools and families with children who are experiencing behavioural struggles. Through her private consulting practice, Louise has worked with hundreds of children, teens and adults and is providing training to thousands of professionals across the globe.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This THREE-day workshop presented is designed to provide parents, therapists, teachers, consultants and other professionals with information and strategies to teach individuals with autism & other related disorders

You will learn how to equip your child with a wider array of appropriate motivations, social interactions and conversational skills.

You will learn about ABA/Verbal Behaviour with the use of video taped illustrations as well as role-played examples of effective teaching strategies. Participants will learn how to teach children with autism across various learner levels (early through advanced) in both the natural environment and the intensive teaching environment:

2009 AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULE

Auckland: June 19th, 20th & 21st
Hamilton: June 23rd, 24th & 25th
Wellington: June 29th, 30th & July 1st
Christchurch: July 3rd, 4th & 5th

Please contact workshops@networkinterventions.com for a booking form or further information