

# Autism Spectrum Knowledge Professional Development for ECE centres



Facilitated by Autism Specialists from Children's Autism Foundation

**ASK (Autism Spectrum Knowledge) training** is a series of professional development workshops designed to equip educators & ECE staff to understand and better support young children on the Autism Spectrum.

The 2-hour workshops provide Autism information, practical strategies & resources along with plenty of time for questions and case studies. Workshops are tailored to meet the needs of all NZ ECE centres including pre-schools, daycares, creches, kohanga reo, kindergartens & playcentres.

## **Module 1 - Understanding Autism:**

What is Autism? What might ASD look like in ECE? How to better support children with ASD

## **Module 2 - Sensory Issues:**

Understanding sensory issues

Practical tools & strategies to implement in your classroom or practice

## **Module 3 - Dealing with Anxiety:**

Defining Anxiety and Autism. Practical Strategies for both the child and those around them.

## **Module 4 - Social Skills & Communication:**

Strategies to support and improve social skills & communication

Useful resources and visual aides

## **Module 5 - Strategies for Behaviour**

The triggers & functions of behaviour

Behaviour is communication. Creating a positive behaviour plan.

### **Children's Autism Foundation Facilitators:**

**Emma Bartlett** - Speech & Language Therapist

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### **Investment for 2021 training:**

**Per Module** : 2 hour ASK Training = \$350 + GST, plus travel

**ASK 5 Module Package**: 2 hour ASK Training = \$1600 + GST, plus travel

\* Certificates of Completion provided to all participants who complete the ASK 5 Module Package



For further information about A.S.K. Professional Development

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