

Accreditation Bulletin

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Update and Information Sessions

Work continues at Autism Victoria to get Autism Accreditation ready for implementation

A standards working party has been established to assist in the development of Early Intervention specialist standards. The party members have a variety of expertise ranging from academics and researchers in the field, specific professional body professionals and field professionals in the area of EI who have an extensive knowledge of Autism and Early Intervention. The working party has 8-10 members and includes international member professionals from NAS to help give support and advice along the process.

The accreditation standards that will be implemented initially are:

- Early Intervention specialist standards, for organisations offering Early Intervention services to children with ASD, exclusively or not exclusively.

- Early Intervention specialist standards for Individual Therapists (self employed business) working with children with an ASD.
- Core ASD standards are mandatory for all services and individuals registered with Accreditation to demonstrate their ASD specific knowledge and expertise. The mandatory core have been developed by an internationally recognised standards body that have identified these standards as being key elements of knowledge and practice that any service or individual working with a person with ASD should be aware of across the lifespan of individuals with ASD.

Interest presentations

Interest presentations will take place throughout the month of February in various locations across the metropolitan region and at Autism Victoria Offices for any individuals who cannot attend during business hours.

Western Metro

Friday 5 February, at **Yooralla Brooklyn**,
705 Geelong Rd Brooklyn VIC, 3025
Time 3pm-4.30pm

Northern Metro

Thursday 11 February, at **EPIC Centre**, RMIT
University, Building 217, Plenty Road,
Bundoora, 3083
Time 2pm-3.30pm

Eastern Metro

Thursday 4 February, at **Irabina Centre**, 193
Bayswater Rd, Bayswater , VIC, 3153
Time 12.30pm-2pm

Southern Metro

Wednesday 17 February, at **Noah's Ark**, 1283
Malvern Road, Malvern, VIC, 3144
Time 1pm-2.30pm

Weekend Presentation

Saturday 20 February, at **Autism Victoria**, 24
Drummond Street, Carlton, 3053
Time 10am-11.30am

Evening Presentation

Tuesday 23 February, at **Autism Victoria**, 24
Drummond Street, Carlton, 3053
Time 6pm-7.30pm

Regional presentations will be organized in consultation with each regional area in respect of demand for information sessions.

There will be an opportunities to receive early bird discount and registration. Registration will be available at each session. More information about early bird discounts and fee structure will also be available at information sessions.

For anyone wishing to attend any of the listed sessions please RSVP and advise which session you wish to attend to

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the year ahead.