



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS TRAINING



This set of FREE two day training sessions in Melbourne are being offered to Case Managers and Intake Staff who work for Community Service Organisations or the Department of Human Services in the North & West Metropolitan regions of Melbourne.

The two day training is available on the following dates: 28th/29th July, 23rd/24th August, 8th/9th September, 29th/30th September, 27th/28th October, 24th/25th November and 15th/16th December 2010

(9.00am registration for a 9.15am start; concludes at 4.00pm)

Places for these FREE training sessions are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Prerequisites for registrants	This training is suitable for those case management and intake staff from the North & West Metropolitan regions of Melbourne who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work for CSOs or DHS• Support the needs of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)• Work with children, adolescents and adults with an ASD• Want to learn more about autism, high-functioning autism, Asperger syndrome or Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)
Level of training	Suitable for participants with beginner to intermediate levels of ASD knowledge/experience

<p>Learning objectives for the training</p>	<p>Learning outcomes for the participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness of Autism Victoria’s role in supporting individuals with ASD • An increased knowledge and understanding of the different subtypes of ASD and their associated features/characteristics • An understanding of and ability to implement effective core strategies • An understanding of the elements of communication, including aspects of communication, non-verbal/verbal communication, fundamental and high-level language, and augmentative/alternative communication (AAC) • An understanding of the legislation and factors affecting service provision for individuals with ASD • A basic understanding of the Helping Children with Autism Plan & Medicare initiatives
<p>About the training content</p>	<p>Autism Spectrum Disorders are a ‘spectrum’ of neurodevelopmental disorders which affect 1/160 individuals in Australia. In December 2008, a decision was made by the Victorian State Government to acknowledge Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) as a neurological impairment under the Disability Act 2006. In order for professionals to best support the needs of individuals with ASD, Autism Victoria, in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is offering intake and case management staff from the North West region of metropolitan Melbourne a two day training workshop.</p> <p>In providing this educational opportunity, Autism Victoria will be able to play a key role in strengthening the ASD expertise of the workforce. The two day workshop will include an introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders, an examination of the subtypes and characteristics underpinning each, an introduction to a core strategy framework which will guide participants in how to best support the needs of an individual with an ASD, a discussion about legislative implications and funding options for individuals throughout the lifespan, information about maximising outcomes for individuals accessing services and an introduction to communication and augmentative/alternative communication (AAC).</p> <p>It is expected that the theory provided within this training will be contextualised and grounded in the experiential knowledge and history of participants. It is anticipated that there will be opportunity for discussion about the interface between theory and practice within the broader case management and planning framework.</p>
<p>Venue</p>	<p><u>Location:</u> Autism Teaching Institute, 98 Ascot Vale Rd, Flemington, VIC 3031</p> <p><u>Transport:</u> Ascot Vale Railway Station is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue.</p> <p><u>Parking:</u> Complimentary car parking is available at the rear of the building on Sandown Rd.</p>

Catering	Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided. For special dietary requirements, please contact CMAG directly on cmag@mcm.org.au
Cancellation Policy	Autism Victoria reserves the right to cancel this training due to insufficient numbers. Participants will be advised 24 hours prior to the event should a cancellation occur.

Registrations	Please register your interest in this training by submitting the completed registration form to cmag@mcm.org.au. Or contact Michelle Harmer on 9487 9213.
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