

# Sensory Connections Presents:

*The Developmental, Individual Difference & Relationship (DIR) Based Model*

## **PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND MENTORING GROUP SESSIONS**



**Suitable for professionals who have completed**

*The Action is in the Interaction Introductory Level Training*

*Three Day, Extended One Day, or Stage 2*

**with Sensory Connections and who are integrating this approach into their practice.**

### **Facilitators:**

**Kathy Walmsley, Occupational Therapist**

**Sarah Zaknich (nee Timmel), Speech & Language Pathologist**

**Meetings to occur online on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm AEST**

**2020 Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Participants will be provided with case based mentoring support in a small group setting. This will offer a supportive environment where professionals can discuss and learn more about the DIR Floortime philosophy, problem solve and find solutions to support their clinical work and their integration of DIR into their practice. Numbers will be strictly limited to a 6 participants to enable each participant to present once during the course of the six sessions.

We have found that the process of showing (via brief videotaped selections) and discussing your work promotes the best integration of the multi-faceted DIR model. Each participant will prepare and share short case clips and clinical analysis based on a recommended framework that we provide in advance. This will take some preparation on participant's part.

*The presentation of the case vignette is an exercise in learning and reflection and as such an opportunity to conceptualize and communicate the thoughts and experiences of working with a child within the DIR/Floortime model. The environment will be one that supports and honors each participants own unique experiences and insights while also enabling them to experience progress in learning and professional growth.*

Kathy and Sarah spend time reviewing and discussing your individual video's and written clinical analysis prior to the session. This is a unique experience to receive support and guidance from both

an OT and SLP experienced in DIR who can help guide your thinking and clinical work. They will also present short vignettes from their own work (if the group all want to do this) as well as present guidance in regards to theoretical background information (books, articles, further reading etc.)

We will be using an online classroom platform and participants will need to have reliable internet access. Instructions and guidelines will be provided prior to the commencement of this program. A timetable which outlines the schedule of participant presentations as well as discussion topics will be provided.

**Participation in this mentoring program will enable you to:**

- ❖ **Develop observational abilities and explore clinical reasoning about what strategies to use to support the parent/caregiver/therapist to co regulate and maintain reciprocal rich interactional relationship and stay connected in a continuous flow with the child.**
- ❖ **Relate the developmental and sensory processing profiles of the child to the child's learning, language, and social emotional development, exploring the interplay of the child's individual neurobiological differences / sensory processing profile, and the caregiver's interactional patterns.**
- ❖ **Practice your clinical formulation of DIR/Floortime goals interfacing with one's own professional goals.**
- ❖ **Self-reflect upon your work with the child, the dyad, and the family.**
- ❖ **Support use of self within the therapeutic context with the child and family issues.**

**Kathy Walmsley and Sarah Zaknich** have worked together and run small group mentoring and professional support programs at Sensory Connections Therapy Services in Perth since 2013.



**Kathy** has worked as an Occupational Therapy clinician since 1983 both in Australia & abroad, in a variety of settings and occupational therapy roles. She is the founder of *Sensory Connections* in Perth. Kathy has a special interest in supporting families who have children with complex neurodevelopmental and sensory processing challenges. She has undertaken extensive professional training in the field of early intervention, occupational therapy, infant mental health, and developmental disorders over the years. She is co-founder of the 'Action Is in the Interaction' trainings with Mari Caulfield, SLT. Kathy has many years of experience as a trainer, and mentor built on her clinical experience.

**Sarah** has worked as a speech pathologist since 2009 in Melbourne and Perth. She has a strong interest and passion for working in developmental based intervention supporting families as a unit, rather than focusing on solely the child. Sarah has recently begun training and mentoring other professionals in individual and small group settings and is keen to share her knowledge and passion for her work with others. Sarah has completed extensive training in the Developmental Individual difference, & Relationship Based model (DIR) and has gained Profectum Fellowship, as well as qualified to DIR 203 with ICDL. Sarah has undertaken ongoing mentoring and supervision with some of DIR's most well respected professionals internationally across Clinical Psychology, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology. Sarah has also completed PROMPT® Introductory level training, Social Thinking® training and is certified to present Hanen® More than Words and the Circle of Security® Parent Training Programs.



Registration Form/Tax Invoice  
**2020 Mentoring Group**  
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**Six 90 minute online meetings**  
**Fee: \$990 per participant (Inc. GST)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To help us with determining whether this mentoring group will best meet your needs and to encourage a range of disciplines and experience within the group, it helps us to know a little about you. Please be encouraged to complete the following details as part of your registration. You are welcome to include an attached document if you need more space.

How long have you been working in your professional field?	
Short description of your current workplace and work duties.	
What is your background in using DIR/Floortime? Please state what trainings you have done and in what location.	
What are your goals in participating in this mentoring group?	

**Please note:**

- ✓ Participants must be able to have the capacity to take and share video clips of your working with a client for your case presentation in this group. We can provide a sample confidentiality form however we encourage you to find out the policy about videotaping within your workplace.
- ✓ Participants will be required to put aside time prior to each meeting to preview and pre read case presentation materials of other participants. Other materials may be provided by the facilitators as pre reading to support the discussion and learning.
- ✓ Reliable and robust internet connection coverage is strongly advised given we will be using an online platform. Sensory Connections will not be able to reschedule or refund part sessions in the case of no show or technical difficulties on the part of participants.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL WE HAVE REVIEWED INTAKE FORM DETAILS AND HAVE CONFIRMED THAT WE CAN OFFER A SPACE. WE WILL CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE VIA PHONE OR EMAIL.**

**Payment**

Total Amount to be paid: \$990

I am paying by:  Cheque/M.O.  EFT.  Credit Card

Credit Card:  VISA  MasterCard

Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Funds Transfer (EFT) to: Sensory Connections BSB: 016305 Account #: 261714079

Please include your **Name** and **Training Location** as a reference in your EFT transfer.

All fees include GST.

Please make cheques payable to:

**Sensory Connections OTS Pty Ltd**  
104 Keightley Road West, Shenton Park., WA 6008.  
PHONE/ FAX: 08 9387 8538  
(ABN: 94 108 212 915)

- Cancellations must be in writing and postmarked 15 days prior to event start dates. Refunds will be given less \$50 handling fee.
- Cancellations within 15 days of event start date are subject to a 50% deduction in refund.
- No refund will be given for cancellations less than 48 hours before the start of the event.

If this event were to be cancelled for unforeseen reasons the total liability is limited to a refund of the registration amount paid.

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