

Supporting Children with Autism as they Transition through Education

Course Description

This is a one day seminar suitable for Primary and Post-primary teachers working with students with ASD.

This seminar will examine why children experience difficulties when faced with a transition to Pre, Primary and Post-primary School. The importance and design of a planned transition and the role of the education professional in this process will be discussed along with ideas and suggestions as to how best to prepare not only the education setting but also the parents and child. Preparing the student for the workforce and the time after school will also be addressed.

Anticipated Outcomes

Participants will:

- Understand why transitions are difficult for children with autism
- Be aware that it is critical to plan and have a strategy around key transitions in the child's day and in the child's life
- Develop simple transition plans and supports around key areas.
- Have an understanding of pressures inherent in Primary and Post-primary transitions
- Develop some ideas and strategies that will promote positive Primary and Post-primary transitions.

Course Overview / Content

- Transitions at Primary and Post-primary levels and why they are important
- Potential key transitions in the life and in the school day
- Pressures and difficulties which may be experienced by the child with Autism
- Preparing the child for transition
- Developing a transition plan
- Good communication with home
- Strategies to promote positive transitions.

Information for Applicants

This course is open to

- Teachers working in classes for student(s) with ASD in a mainstream setting
- Teachers in special schools who are currently working with student(s) with ASD
- Full-time Resource/Learning Support teachers who are currently working with student(s) with ASD

Participants will require permission from the Board of Management to attend. Typically, substitution for this seminar will only be allowed to classroom teachers with primary responsibility for students with a special educational need and if it is deemed absolutely essential by the Principal.

Typically substitution will only be allocated to non - substitute teachers. Payment is not available to teachers in a substitute capacity

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Registration: 8.45 AM

Start: 9.15 AM

Finish: 3.30 PM

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