

BLADES - Adding Meaning and Interaction to Language Therapy for 2-5 Year olds

By Mellanie Sherwood

A two-day workshop in AUCKLAND on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st August 2018

Registration 8.30am for 9.00am start; concludes at 4.45pm

Intended Participants

This 2-day Continuing Professional Development (CPD) event is intended for Speech-Language Pathologists/Speech and Language Therapists working with a general paediatric caseload.

Readings and Resources

Nil pre-reading.

Learning Objectives

Following this event participants will:

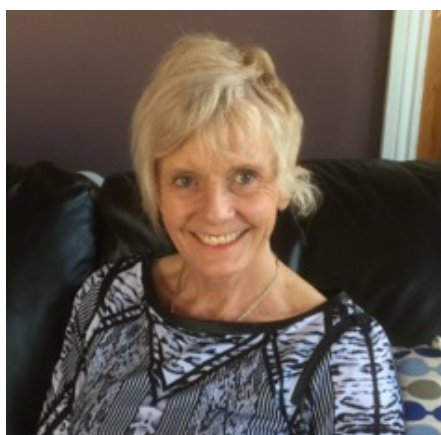
- Become familiar with typical language development (semantics, pragmatics, grammar) from 2-5 years as shown in the Blades study
- Use this information to plan and implement an informal assessment of language in this age range
- Select goals from this assessment, and
- Effect change in the language in children, focussing on meaning and interaction

Content and Format

Blades is based on the Bristol Language Study, a large and powerful study of typical language development from 2-5 years. This two-day workshop includes in-depth information on how semantics, pragmatics and grammar unfold in this age group. This workshop will be applicable to SLPs/SLTs who want to help young children move beyond the 2-word combination stage and have specific goals and strategies to effect change in the language in children.

The majority of the workshop will be on therapeutic issues – five stages of intervention are presented, along with suggested goals and strategies for each stage. Video clips of children in therapy, at each stage will be shown. Suggestions as to how this can be used to plan informal assessments will be discussed.

About Mellanie Sherwood



Mellanie Sherwood is a clinician with over 30 years' experience. She has held a variety of posts – clinical, administrative and teaching. Her clinical interests include Specific Language Impairment (Developmental Language Disorder), Autism, and Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Mellanie is an experienced presenter having presented Blades for Speech Pathology Australia's national Continuing Professional Development tour in 2006. In 2008, she was the SPA Elinor Wray Award recipient. Mellanie's 2018 SPA Blades workshops in Victoria and New South Wales have both 'sold out' and this will be her first trip to New Zealand. Both Mellanie and Skill Builders Speech Language Therapy are excited to bring Blades to New Zealand SLPs/SLTs.

Registration for this workshop will open on Monday March 5th 2018

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