

ADVANCE NOTICE

DIR® / Floortime™

*Perth 6th & 7th August 2008
Sydney 13th & 14th August 2008
Gold Coast 25th & 26th August 2008*

**A Two Day Introductory Training to the Greenspan /Wieder
Developmental, Individual Difference, Relationship Based Model.
Hosted by Sensory Connections OTS**

Presented by :

- **Mari Caulfield, Speech & Language Pathologist,**
DIR® Facilitator, ICDL
Developmental Therapies, Co. Galway, Ireland.
- **Kathy Walmsley Occupational Therapist,**
DIR® Facilitator, ICDL
Sensory Connections OTS, Perth, Australia.

Both Mari and Kathy bring to their trainings extensive experience from their discipline specific fields of speech and language therapy and occupational therapy. They are leading DIR® clinicians in their home countries of Ireland and Australia and both hold positions as training facilitators with the DIR® Training Institute in the USA.

Please see www.icdl.com/dirInstitute for further details.

The **DIR®/Floortime™ Model** is based on new insights into how to work with children with communication and learning difficulties, regulatory disorders, and children with behaviours that place them on the autism spectrum. DIR® is a framework to assist parents and professionals in constructing a comprehensive program that focuses on improving the child's functioning in all the developmental capacities where there are challenges, and, at the same time, promote healthy foundations for overall social, emotional and intellectual functioning. The science that supports the theory will be outlined.

DIR® uses emotional and motivating experience based learning to improve social skills, language, independence, and to support higher level thinking. Intervention is offered within the context of developmentally designed play and learning situations. Therapeutically guided interaction with children is the means of moving children up the developmental ladder.

Mari and Kathy will illustrate how to encourage developmentally appropriate interactions for children with various sensory and developmental profiles. Video's will illustrate parent-child interactions and parent coaching, as well as working with children in group settings.

Who Should Attend: Professionals from the fields of Allied Health, Mental Health, Medical /Paediatrics, Early Intervention Staff, Parents and Caregivers.

To register your interest please send your details to -:

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Full workshop brochure and registration will available at
www.sensoryconnections.com.au during March 2008