



**Barunga/Wugulurr & Spirit of Childhood
“Learning from Each Other”
Workshop
August 4-8th, 2008
Katherine NT**



.....providing positive outcomes for children, parents & carers

Spirit of Childhood Foundation in conjunction with senior women from the Barunga and Wugulurr Communities, 160 kms south East of Katherine in the NT, are holding a two way learning program. Senior women and elders from the communities will come together with international early childhood educators and health professionals to share and learn new skills to support parents and children.

The workshop aims to explore, develop and look at how to implement innovative cross cultural programs to support Indigenous parents and children.



Anne Marie Lee, workshop co-facilitator discussing Indigenous songs with early childhood lecturer

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Anne Marie Lee, Selina Ashley-Brown and Lorraine Bennett together with Thanh Cherry, Dr Lakshmi Almasetty and Jane Hanckel are co-facilitating the workshop.

Anne Marie, Selina and Lorraine are actively involved in health and early childhood initiatives in their communities of Barunga and Wugulurr. Dr Lakshmi is a paediatrician from India who specialises in autism work and has set up many clinics across India including establishing a hospital in Hyderabad. Thanh Cherry trains early childhood teachers and runs parenting workshops across Asia, including Japan, Thailand, China, Bangladesh and Australia. Thanh has set up 5 kindergartens in orphanages in Vietnam. Jane Hanckel has developed parenting empowerment strategies to promote and support the relationship between self, family and community as well as the physical, emotional and intellectual needs of

Outcomes of the program will include assisting to

- Close Indigenous life expectancy gap in a generation – through development of ‘two way learning’ programs to promote stronger parent-child bonds, improved nutritional habits of parents and children
- Halve Indigenous child mortality within ten years – through experiential cross cultural education programs that include information about healthy pregnancies, sleep safety, importance of breast feeding and healthy eating habits
- Halve Indigenous literacy and numeracy problems - through innovative early literacy programs including the use of art, craft, songs, games and stories
- Halve Indigenous unemployment - through specifically designed Indigenous training programs for local community members to deliver parent education and early childhood programs
- Increase Indigenous school attendance – through Indigenous parental engagement in early education programs leading to ongoing commitment to education
- Provide access to cross cultural quality pre-school programs – through development of specifically designed Indigenous pre-school programs.



A felt dolls cradle - exploring concepts of attachment and bonding

Anticipated learning outcomes of the workshop will include

- Empower professionals to support Indigenous parents as their child’s first teacher
- Foster Indigenous children’s social, emotional and psychological development – a sensory integration approach to early childhood
- Strengthen parent-child bonds through an experiential learning programs
- Create foundations for early literacy through storytelling, singing, circle, hand gesture and movement games



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The preferred method of registration is via the email welcome@spiritofchildhood.org

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration cannot be confirmed until full payment is received.

Katherine, NT 5 day Intensive Professional parent/early childhood education Indigenous Interactive Arts/crafts/early childhood workshop

\$1400 plus \$150 materials

Registration Entitlements

Entry to all workshop sessions
Lunch daily
Morning and afternoon tea daily
Conference satchel
Copy of Final Program and Workshop Session
Material

How to Register

Please register via email or fax using registration form. A separate registration form is required for each participant.

Payment

Spirit of Childhood Foundation can accept the following methods of payment: Cheque, Australia Money Order/Bank Draft
Please make payable to Spirit of Childhood Foundation

Bank Transfers

Bank transfers are accepted - please email or fax a copy of the transfer record to the Spirit of Childhood Foundation Fax: 02 6684 4402

BSB No: 032 573
Account No: 206 053
Account Name: Spirit of Childhood Foundation Ltd
Bank: Westpac
Branch: Byron Bay
Reference : 2481 + (1st 4 Letters of Surname)

Registration Acknowledgement

Your registration will be acknowledged via email within 7 working days or receipt of the registration form. A Tax Invoice will be provided, if requested, for GST purposes.

Cancellations & Refunds

Cancellations must be advised in writing before 28th July. Cancellations after this date will not be refunded.

Pre and Post Workshop Tours

Optional tours of Nitmiluk Gorge - afternoon Wednesday 6th August and Barunga/Wugulurr communities Saturday 9th August. For further information please contact workshop co-ordinator. jane@spiritofchildhood.org

Accommodation

Reservations have been made at Knotts Crossing Resort. Other accommodation is available.

Rates quotes are per night per room. They include GST and do not include breakfast

... Knotts Crossing, Katherine (08) 8972 2511
Standard Cabins - one queen bed plus bunks \$110
Family Room - one king, one queen, single \$170
... St Andrews Serviced Apartments
1800 686 106
Standard Apartments - 2 bedroom \$195
Deluxe Apartment - 2 bedroom \$215

Applications & Sharing

Please inform us of your choice of accommodation and then contact accommodation directly. Please make your own arrangements for share accommodation. Single room accommodation is also available.

General Information

Getting to Katherine. Darwin is the closest airport with flights available on Qantas, Virgin Blue and Jetstar. Katherine is 300kms south of Darwin - car hire or bus is recommended from Darwin. All workshop locations are accessible via bitumen roads.

Please send cheques or direct transfer:-
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Special Dietary Requirements _____

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Spirit of Childhood Foundation is comprised of an international group of educationalists and health practitioners, brought together by a commitment to strengthen the parent-child relationship through innovative education.