

SEEN HEARD INCLUDED

Supporting Autistic and ADHD Children in Early Childhood Education

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ABSTRACT

As early childhood educators and parents, we have always known the importance of being inclusive and supportive of our neurodivergent children.

The sad fact is that Autism and ADHD (and how to support our neurodivergent children) are not something that many educators and parents have had the opportunity to learn much about. Another challenge is that much of the information that is available to parents and educators has been written through a theoretical, neurotypical lens and does not take into account or value lived experience or take a neuro-affirming approach.

As our understanding grows about Autism and ADHD and how these affect children of all cultures and genders increases, knowing how to accommodate and support our children in their formative years becomes even more important. This is further highlighted when we take into account how neurodivergent individuals are disproportionately represented in poor mental health and life outcomes.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS PLD:

- What is neurodiversity?
- Reconsidering disability.
- How to recognise neurodiverse learners in your ECE setting.
- How to accommodate neurodivergent children in your ECE setting.
- How to create a neuro-affirming learning culture that includes all children.
- How to work in partnership with whanau to create positive outcomes for neurodivergent children.

This strengths-based PLD (aligned with the principles and strands of Te Whaariki) is suitable for all educators and parents of neurodivergent children aged 0-5 years old.

Facilitated by an experienced AuDHD facilitator who is also a parent of neurodivergent children and has 25 years of experience in the education sector.



DETAILS OF HOW THIS PLD IS DELIVERED

- 2 hours (longer workshops are available for teams who would like to go deeper on a specific topic related to Autism or ADHD).
- Can be delivered on a week night or a weekend.
- Webinar delivered via Zoom.
- **Investment \$795 +GST for a team of 15 people or less. Additional fees may apply for larger groups on a pro rata basis.**



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