

PECS™ Intensive Program

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PECS™ Intensive Program

This 30-hour program is ideal for families seeking intensive communication intervention using the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS™) and the Pyramid approach to teaching. The emphasis will be on teaching the children to communicate within functional routines, while assisting parents/carers to continue this teaching at home following completion of the program. There is an expectation for parents/carers to have attended PECS Basic Training prior to the start of the program. The program includes an initial evaluation, through detailed history



information and videotape, completed by families approximately two months before the clinic-based sessions. In this evaluation, each child's current communication repertoire will be determined so that specific needs can be addressed. This will be followed by five days of intensive work within the clinic. Each day your child will work intensively for six hours, from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Following completion of the program, follow up sessions with a certified PECS Implementer will be available. These sessions may occur at the Pyramid clinic, your home, or may be completed by telephone or web cam. The 10 hours follow up consists of both consultation and travel costs where travel is required.

Potential Communication Objectives

Individual Skills:

Skills that may be targeted for a child at the program include:

- requesting desired items and activities
- answering “yes” or “no” to the question, “Do you want this?”
- asking for assistance (i.e. “help”)
- requesting a “break” from a difficult or boring activity
- responding appropriately to a direction to “wait”
- responding to, and initiating, greetings
- using descriptive concepts in requests and comments
- following functional directions (both visual and verbal)
- following a picture schedule
- requesting items needed to complete a task
- commenting on items and events in the environment

Group Skills:

In addition to individual communication objectives, the children will learn group skills, including:

- engaging in assigned tasks with peers in close proximity
- following group directions (both visual and verbal)
- sitting with peers
- waiting in a group
- eating meals with peers

The Child:

This program is appropriate for children between the ages of three (3) and seven (7) years who have:

- not developed functional communication and have not been exposed to PECS
- been exposed to PECS but are having difficulty learning to discriminate between pictures
- complex communication needs

We are offering the program to a small number of children (four), with a high staff to child ratio, in order to maximise the childrens’ progress.

For each child, we will focus on consolidating existing, and teaching new, critical communication skills, both receptive and expressive. PECS will be used throughout the daily clinic-based program, for all five days.



The Instructional Method:

All programming will utilise the principles of broad-spectrum applied behaviour analysis and will include:

- The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS™)
- distributed discrete trial instruction
- sequential task instruction
- incidental communication training
- functional routine training

PECS™ Intensive Program Package

The Cost:

The cost of the program includes:

- 30 hours of intensive communication intervention
- a standard PECS communication book
- a range of pictures relevant to the individual child's needs
- ten hours of follow up (may consist of consultation & travel costs)
- a comprehensive summary report that will be received within one month of the conclusion of the program

Attendance at the program and the follow up sessions incurs a total cost of \$AUD3500.00.

A \$AUD500.00 deposit must be paid at the time of application. The deposit will be refunded if your child is not accepted into the program.

FaHCSIA funding may be used for this program.

Venue:

The Intensive Communication Program will be held at:

Nemarluk School
41 Bagot Road
Ludmilla, Northern Territory

Dates:

July 11th to 15th, 2011 inclusive



Sign up for PECS™ Intensive Program

Child's name: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Parent's names: _____

Address: _____

Home telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____

Email: _____

Will you be using your FaHCSIA funding for this program? YES NO

Method of Payment

(\$AUD500 deposit must be included with this application)

- Cheque
- Invoice (EFT payment)
- Visa
- MasterCard

Credit card number: _____

Expiry date: _____ Amount (\$AUD): _____

Signature: _____

Please make cheques out to Pyramid Educational Consultants of Australia Pty Ltd