

## Ages & Stages: Communication development in the first 5 years

### Workshop evaluation results -- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

#### General information:

*Ages & Stages: Communication development in the first 5 years* workshop was conducted on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (6-8pm). The workshop was presented by Sarah Elphinstone, Speech Language Pathologist from Flourish Speech Pathology. Registration for the workshop was open to all community members of Childers and surrounding areas. The workshop was a combined initiative of a number of Childers based child-focused organisations and was funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government under the AEDI program.

#### Structure & Content of workshop:

The workshop was conducted for 2 hours. The content of the workshop included: What is communication? What is the difference between speech and language? What is typical language development at different ages? Examples of speech and language skills in children of different ages. Basic strategies to support communication development in young children. All participants were provided with a disc of resources as well as a paper copy of the presentation.

#### Evaluation process:

All participants were asked to complete an anonymous evaluation form at the end of the workshop. 22 participants attended the workshop, however 21 evaluation forms were completed (one participant left early due to illness).

#### Summary statement of results:

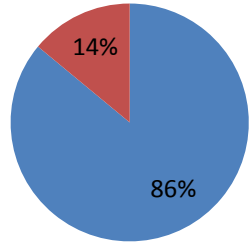
The majority of participants were very pleased with the content and structure of the workshop. They found it to be a useful workshop and would recommend the workshop to others.

A breakdown of the workshop evaluation results is presented below:



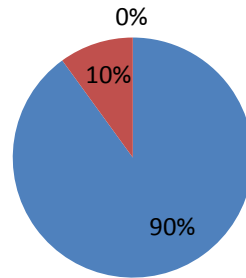
### How useful was the information presented?

Very Useful Somewhat Useful Not Useful



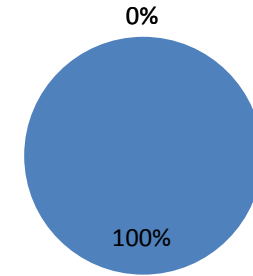
### Did the workshop meet your learning expectations?

Yes Partly No



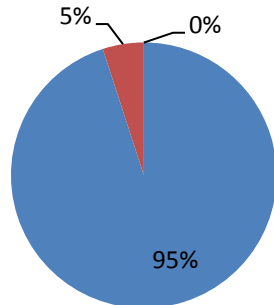
### Did you find the workshop interesting?

Yes Partly No



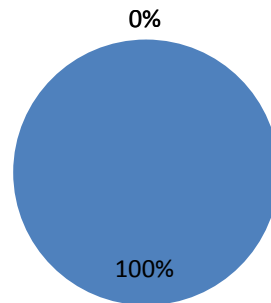
### How well was the workshop facilitated?

Good Fair Poor



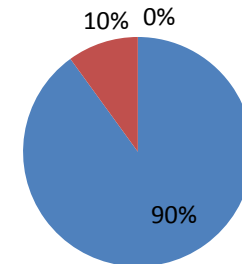
### Would you recommend the workshop to others?

Yes Not sure Not sure



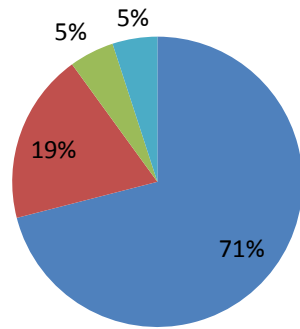
### Was the workshop long enough?

Yes Not Sure No

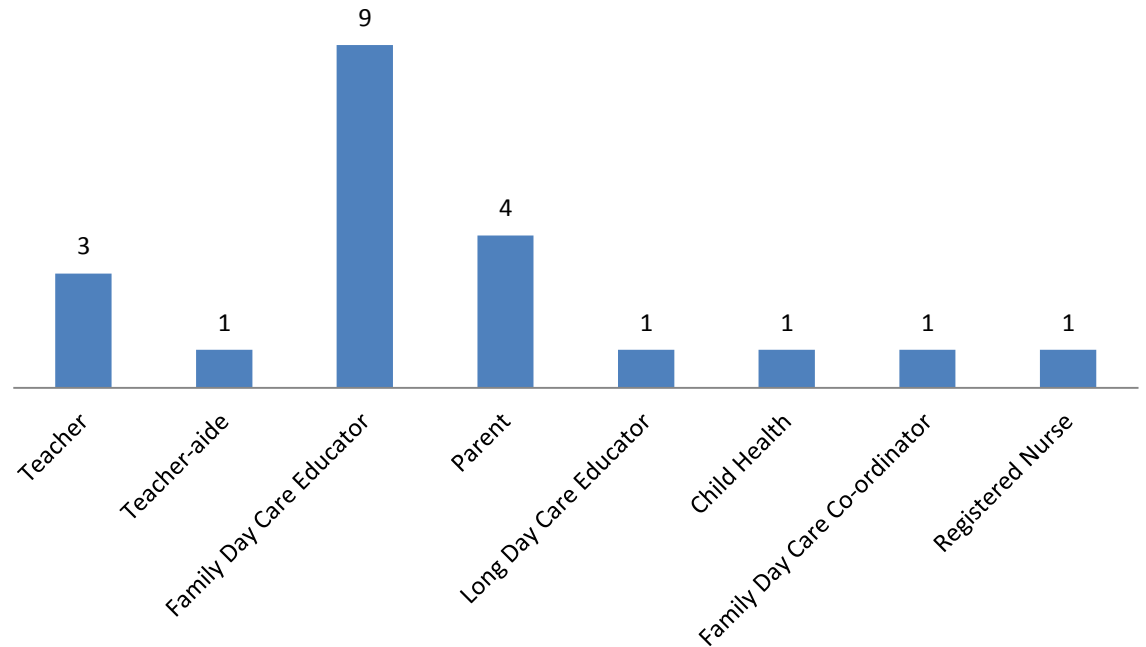


# After attending the workshop, how confident do you feel about your understanding of early communication development in children and your ability to identify children who may not be developing typically?

Very Somewhat A little Not at all No Response



## Occupation of Participants



### What did you like most about the workshop?

- "It covered what we needed without going over the top"
- "Sounds; communication"
- "The resources to look back on"
- "Easy to understand"
- "Milestone indicators to go by"
- "The CD to take home"
- "All of it"
- "Getting some ideas on how to improve speech"
- "Focus on early intervention"
- "Knowing what to look for"
- "Info about the ages children should know sounds by"
- "Refresh of information & new information based on milestones"
- "The age level and the 1 word = 1 year old; 2 word = 2 year old"
- "All"
- "Lots of info"
- "Heaps of info to start process"
- "Age definitions on speech. I really enjoyed the videos of the children"
- "Presentation of relevant expectations of children in our care"
- "Identifying stages of development & speech"

### What did you like least about the workshop?

- "was excellent"
- "1<sup>st</sup> video was hard to hear"
- "Nothing"
- "Was confusing me a little bit"
- "Covered a lot of info on the baby age. Would have been more interested in the older ages, 3-8"
- "Quiet video"
- "Everything was great"
- "Nothing"
- "All good"
- "Well done"
- "No comment"
- "Nothing"



### What was your overall assessment of the workshop?

- "Excellent, gave me a much clearer understanding"
- "Practical"
- "useful information"
- "Good"
- "Was helpful and informative"
- "It was good"
- "Examples of games? Importance of literacy in younger ages?"
- "Positive"
- "10/10"
- "Good very helpful"
- "Excellent. Knew her subject"
- "Great"
- "Great"
- "9/10"
- "Great presentation. Simple to understand. Very informative"
- "Excellent"

### Can you think of anything which was not covered by the workshop which would have been useful/made it better?

- "No"
- "Nothing"
- "Screener for educators"
- "No"
- "No"
- "No"
- "No"
- "No"

### Any other comments?

- "assisted in reminding me of activities to complete with kindy age group"
- "No"