Invites you to a one day workshop

**Connecting with kids with ASD: How to enter the child with autism’s world and invite them into your world**

presented by

**David Jereb, Occupational Therapist**

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| **Date:** **Friday, 28th July 2017****Time:** 9.30am. to 4.30pm. Registration and Coffee from 9am.**Venue:** PARRAMATTA RSL CLUB, Cnr Macquarie and O’Connell Sts, Parramatta**Registration fees**: $319 (GST incl) Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch provided**Super Early Bird Special**: 20% discount for those people registering and paying in full by 28th May 2017**Early Bird Special**: 10% discount for those people registering and paying in full by 28th June 2017**Full time students** receive a 20% discount – a copy of your current student card needs to be sent with your registration form. |

**Workshop description:**

The primary difficulty associated with autism spectrum disorders is the ability to connect socially with others. Such difficulties arise from, and are impacted by, challenges in processing sensory information, praxis, language abilities and social-emotional abilities.

This workshop will provide participants with knowledge and strategies related to engaging children with autism spectrum disorders through the therapeutic use of self and meaningful relationships. Through presented material and practical activities, participants will develop skills in reading and conveying social cues and adapting their approach to meet the individual needs of the child.

A core principle of the workshop will be to capture the child’s attention and engagement through tapping into internal drives rather than through external prompts, allowing for a richer and more meaningful connection.

At the end of this workshop participants will be able to identify how engagement can be impacted through adjusting the following:

* The therapist’s sensory presence
* The therapist’s physical presence
* Nonverbal and verbal communication
* Environment
* Task
* Following the child’s lead
* Sensory diet activities

**About the speaker:**

David Jereb is an occupational therapist and co-owner of MoveAbout Therapy Services and Sense Ability, paediatric occupational therapy clinics in the Hills District of Sydney and on the Central Coast. He has a Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Occupational Therapy) and a Masters of Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy) from the University of Sydney. David has worked in multidisciplinary teams in Sydney and Chicago. David is known for having expertise in working with children with challenging behaviours, sensory processing challenges, regulatory difficulties and difficulties in engaging and relating, including autism spectrum disorders. David is the co-author of the MoveAbout Activity Cards, a resource that provides children and families with physical activities to support attention and regulation.

**Venue:**

Parramatta RSL is about a 10 minute walk from Parramatta Station. Alternatively there is a free Loop bus from Parramatta station, which runs every 10 minutes, and stops in Macquarie St near the RSL. There is a cark park available across the street from the RSL club, which can be entered via Macquarie St where there is LIMITED free parking if you get your ticket stamped by the RSL Club before leaving. There is also user-pay parking available in Hunter St.

