

## Stepping Stones - Beginning Steps to the Davis Autism Approach Program.

A workshop specifically created for parents, caregivers & support persons of younger individuals with ASD and for those with limited language.

<b>Course:</b> Stepping Stones	
<b>Description:</b> An introductory course to the Davis Autism Approach <sup>®</sup>	
<b>Aim:</b> To provide the opportunity to gain sufficient knowledge and skills to actively support a person with autism working through the Stepping Stones concepts.	
<b>Course level:</b> Introductory – level 1	<b>Course Length:</b> 2 days
<b>Pre-requisites:</b> Read the book <i>Autism and the Seeds of Change</i> – By Abigail Marshall and Ronald D. Davis	
<b>Who should attend:</b> Parents, family members and support persons of individuals who demonstrate autistic characteristics and are unable to participate in the full Davis Autism Approach Program due to their age or ability. Anyone who is interested in the Davis Autism Approach <sup>®</sup> .	

### Learning Outcomes:

#### Upon completion of the workshop you will:

- Demonstrate an understanding behind the rationale for the programme and how it helps those with ASD under the age of 8 or those with very limited language, to develop the foundational life's lessons needed to complete essential early childhood development stages.
- Describe and reflect on the process of individuation.
- Gain and practice the Davis Focusing Tools for yourself.
- Demonstrate the techniques needed to guide another/your child through the use of the Davis Focusing Tools.
- Identify the Basic Stepping Stones concepts and why they are explored in a specific sequence.
- Describe and reflect on the technique of Concept Mastery using clay and gain experience on how to guide another/your child through this process.
- Explore the Concept Mastery procedure for The Basic Stepping Stones Concepts of *self, another, others, change, consequence, cause/effect, before/after*.
- Gain experience of how to explore the Basic Stepping Stones concepts in real life with another/your child.

**Teaching and Learning Tools:**

- Powerpoint presentations
- Guided discussions
- Film media
- Demonstrations
- Guided practice
- Q & A
- Group work

**Evaluation:**

- Self-assessment by participants of skills and knowledge gained throughout the workshop.
- Assessment of participant skills and knowledge by the course leaders
- Evaluation of workshop delivery and structure by participants??

**Note:**

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