

# Creating Meaning for YOU!

## Service List

*Please refer to our specific flyers for more detail on these services*

### Creating Meaning for Parents

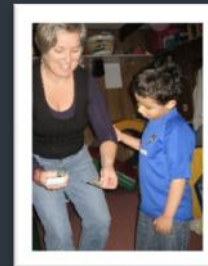
- 1 DAY DIR® INTRODUCTORY TRAINING
- 1 DAY APPLIED DIR® TRAINING
- GROUP SEMINARS

### Creating Meaning for Educators

- 1 DAY INTRODUCTORY TRAINING
- 1 DAY LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION AND INTENTIONALITY TRAINING
- SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

### Creating Meaning for Clinical Professionals

- 1 DAY PROFESSIONAL GROUP MENTORING
- 1 DAY DIR® INTRODUCTORY TRAINING
- 2 DAY DIR® EXTENDED TRAINING
- 1 DAY FEAS TRAINING
- EXTENDED FEAS TRAINING
- WEB BASED SOLUTIONS
- REGIONAL CLINICAL SUPERVISION & DEBRIEF WITH REGIONAL PROFESSIONALS & PRACTICES
- 1 DAY CLINICAL PRACTICE MENTORING AND SUPPORT
- CUSTOM SOLUTIONS



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for caregivers and  
professionals of children  
with special needs

# Specialist Training in DIR® Floortime™

FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND THERAPISTS

DIR® therapists Dana Baltutis (Speech and Language Pathologist) and Georgina Ahrens (Occupational Therapist)

train and support parents, educators and therapists in the DIR® Floortime™

model & the FEAS (Functional Emotional Assessment

Scale) through local, regional or on-line

training.

## Georgina Ahrens: B Applied Science— Occupational Therapy

Georgina's passion is working with families and professionals to help children & families develop to their ultimate potential.

Georgina gained her Bachelor of Applied Science—Occupational Therapy from the University of Sydney in 1996. She has always worked in Paediatrics, initially in Australia & then in England & the United States. Georgina gained her certification in DIR® Floortime™ in 2009. She has trained extensively to understand the individual differences of the child, looking at sensory modulation, regulation, motor planning & perceptual challenges.

In addition to DIR® & Sensory Integration she is also trained in the Alert Program, More Program, Listening Programs, Wilbaarger Protocol & most recently has begun Marte Meo training.

Since returning to Sydney in 2003 she established Kids World: Paediatric Occupational Therapy, a private practice that specialises in DIR® Floortime™ with a focus on parent/child interactions and children's social groups.. Through this practice she has developed her experience in teaching & training therapists, providing lecturing, mentoring & supervision to staff and other practitioners who are working with this model.

Georgina's drive is to assist families understand their child's unique processing profile & how it impacts their relationship, & therefore development. Her other focus is working towards developing a not-for-profit DIR® school in Australia which will provide sensory regulatory & social support to children as they develop. By providing this option she wants to increase the social success of children who have challenges in this area as they move through school. Georgina provides services to families & therapists throughout Australia. Georgina is married to Chris &

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO DEVELOP YOUR PARENTING AND THERAPY SKILLS

With years of experience Dana and Georgina are able to enhance your methods in working with children who have difficulties relating and communicating to help you create meaning. With a unique perspective as a multi-disciplinary team they will assist you in helping children extend socially and emotionally.

# Creating Meaning for parents professionals and organisations

## Dana Baltutis: M.S, Speech Language Pathology

Dana's passion is learning, unlearning and learning again. She graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Speech Pathology from the Flinders University of South Australia in 1989. In 1996 she completed a Master's of Science in Community Disability Studies in Developing Countries at the Institute of Child Health at the University of London. Dana also has a Graduate Diploma in Educational Management from the Flinders University of South Australia. Dana gained her certification in DIR(R) Floortime(TM) in 2010. She is a certified Hanen 'It Takes two To Talk', 'More than Words' and 'Learning Language and Loving It' Speech Pathologist. She is currently in process of her Marte Meo Therapist Certification.

Dana has worked in Lithuania from 1991 to 1995 helping families set up local kindergartens, schools and centres for their children with disabilities. She worked with other Australians to help set up the first wheelchair clinic, toy library and Disability Information Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania. Dana spent 5 years in the USA working at an assistive technology centre in Pennsylvania and in pre-schools, schools and home based services for children with special needs and their families in New York. In Australia, she has worked closely with a parent not-for-profit organisation, 'parents4kids' educating people about DIR® Floortime™ and is currently supporting the families make a DVD about their journeys and insights.

Dana's passion is supporting parents and caregivers understand their child's individual differences and how this impacts on the child's ability to make meaning of their relationships and environment and express themselves. She has a deep understanding of parent-child attachment and uses this knowledge to facilitate parents, caregivers and staff to support the child in their natural environments. She also values ongoing learning and personal development as well as working in local communities. Dana has a private practice and provides clinical services to families from South Australia and the Northern Territory. She also mentors professionals from SA, Victoria, NSW and NT.

Dana enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is constantly learning about herself through yoga, meditation and personal and professional development courses, which helps her then be spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and physically available for others.



## Who Are Creating Meaning?



Dana Baltutis and Georgina Ahrens (with  
Georgina's family)

