



## About our Member Forums

*Our vision is for all children to actively participate in quality education and care services that recognise, value and celebrate diversity.*

In response to our members' needs FKA Children's services will be hosting a number of FREE member forums during Term 3.

Covering a range of topics and free for fkaCS members, these forums are guaranteed to be topical, evidence-based, relevant and practical.

Take advantage of this member benefit. Come along with your colleagues to learn something new, challenge yourself and leave with some practical tips to support your work with children and families.

**FORUM 2 | Monday 7 August | 3pm to 5pm**

## Dual Language Learning in Early Childhood

Presented by Felicity Johnstone & Monique Thompson, Senior Speech Pathologists  
North Richmond Community Health

### Forum summary

Felicity and Monique will share current evidence with educators around Dual Language Learning and the relationship with typical speech and language development, and the occurrence of speech and language delays.

### Talking points

- Bilingualism in young children, commonalities and differences
- Current evidence for best practice in promoting dual language development (i.e. what to advise parents) for educators and families
- Determining if there is a speech or language delay – questions to ask
- Aspects of speech and language development – receptive, expressive, vocabulary, length of utterance, speech sounds, social skills
- Identify the stages of additional language development in preschool children
- Assessment in Dual Language Learners

- When to refer to Speech Pathologist
- Support service pathways – private, community health, NDIS.

### Designed for

Early childhood teachers, educators and professionals working with children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds

### Eligibility/cost

- FREE for fkaCS Members (20 places available)
- FREE for City of Yarra Children's Services (10 places available)

### Location

FKA Children's Services  
42 Dight St  
Collingwood VIC 3066

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## About the presenters



### Felicity Johnstone, Senior Speech Pathologist, North Richmond Community Health

Felicity has been working as a senior speech pathologist at NRCH since October 2015. Previously she worked for 15 years at Carrington Health in Box Hill, and has also worked in schools, private practice and early intervention. Felicity is trained in a range of intervention programmes including Blades, Lidcombe, PECS, TEACCH, Makaton, and a range of social skills programmes.

Felicity is committed to working from a family-centred approach to assist children with speech and language difficulties. She enjoys working with a child's particular interests to promote language skills through play. She has completed a Master of Public Health and has remained working in Community Health for many years because of her commitment to equality of access to health services.



### Monique Thompson, Senior Speech Pathologist, North Richmond Community Health

Monique has been working at North Richmond Community Health as a Senior Speech Pathologist since September 2013. Monique began her career in rural East Gippsland, working mostly with pre-schoolers and school aged children, and some secondary age children. Her experiences with a diverse client group afforded Monique a solid grounding for her current practice, and helped her to consolidate the link between the importance of speech and language skills in the development of literacy. Returning to Melbourne in 2009 saw Monique work in a range of settings including private practice, primary schools, Paediatrician clinics and Child and Youth Mental Health. Monique started in Community Health at coHealth in 2011 before moving to

NRCH in 2013. Monique also runs her own Private Practice and moonlights as an Illustrator.

Monique enjoys working with the preschool age group, and in particular, is interested in the whole wellbeing of the child and family, the importance of culture and belonging, and being proactive in the development of positive mental health.

## Event Details

### Forum format

3pm-3:15pm: Registration, tea/coffee

3:15pm-4:15pm: Forum presentation (1hr)

4:15pm-4:35pm: Audience question time/discussion

4:35pm-5pm: Wrap-up, tea/coffee, networking

### Location

FKA Children's Services, 42 Dight St, Collingwood VIC 3066

### Getting there/venue accessibility

#### Parking

Parking in Dight St is permit parking only, however all day metered parking is available in nearby Wellington St. Parking also available in surrounding streets near Collingwood College (Campbell St) outside of school pick-up/drop-off times.

#### Public Transport

Access fkaCS via the Smith St tram (#86), Collingwood and Victoria Park train stations and various bus routes along Johnston St and Hoddle St.

#### Access for people with wheelchairs/mobility aides

The fkaCS Multicultural Resource Centre and Training Room are located on the ground floor. They can be accessed through a standard door or roller door. A wheelchair accessible toilet located on the ground floor. Please feel free to call us to discuss your access needs.

## Contact us

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