Looking to develop speech and language skills in children?

Then the LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT AND ASSISTED PRACTICE LEAP Workshop 2013 is for you.

Schools are increasingly identifying large numbers of young children needing speech pathology referrals.

Waiting for individual needs to be addressed can take months. The skilled intervention of early learning teachers and teacher-assistants who have been provided with extra training in this area can have long-lasting, positive impacts on children’s language development.

One such intervention is the LEAP Program

WHAT IS THE LEAP PROGRAM?
The LEAP Program combines relevant PD and a practical resource kit designed for use with small groups of children who are experiencing difficulty with early language and literacy. It targets specific skills in an easy to follow format which can be readily implemented by classroom staff. A core feature of LEAP is the structured practice of selected language and literacy skills.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE WORKSHOP?
Anyone interested in developing language skills of young children. Teachers and teacher assistants from pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, pre-primary classes.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE?
Thursday 28 February 2013 9:00am – 1:00pm
OR
Friday 15 March 2013 9:00am – 1:00pm

West Coast Institute of Training
35 Kendrew Crescent, Joondalup

WHO WILL CONDUCT THE TRAINING?
Experienced West Coast Institute of Training lecturers who are also qualified Speech & Language Pathologists with many years of experience in the area of early language and literacy development

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN THE HALF DAY PROGRAM?
This half day program will provide participants with relevant information and practical skills. Participants will leave with:

- Increased understanding of speech and language skills and common difficulties in young children
- Practical ideas for assisting speech and language development that can be implemented immediately through a small group language session
- Provision of a LEAP Resource Bag which includes educational materials and a detailed speech pathology activity program

Cost: $300 for the four hour workshop, morning tea and Resource Bag.

Places are strictly limited to 20 participants, so please register your interest as soon as possible.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:
Please contact Kelly Milner on 9233 1286; e-mail: kellyanne.milner@wcit.wa.edu.au or Margaret Mincham at email: margaret.mincham@wcit.wa.edu.au with the following details:

- Name of school
- Contact person and contact details
- Number of staff expected to attend
- Preferred date of attendance