

Professionals, Parents and Young Children: Creating Closer Connections

A parentSCOPE workshop for the *Winning Partnerships for Children Conference*

In this interactive and strength-based workshop, based on our unique children's picture book "Salurri and The Way Train", professionals learn a simple yet powerful method of seven ways to assist the parents and young children with whom they work to build closer relationships. They discover how to promote more positive connection to facilitate more respectful family or centre-based relationships, while also gaining personal relationship skills.

The seven ways investigated in this workshop are:

Respect: Participants are encouraged to consider the qualities that they display in their professional role and to link them with the word respect.

Listen and Understand: The 5 steps of Listening Power+ (Warren Redman) are to be discussed and practised along with Salurri's helpful mantra of Listen with your lips shut+

Appreciate and Support: Acknowledgement versus praise is to be discussed as well as the coaching distinction of support versus rescue.

Responsibility and Independence: Professionals will discuss how to encourage more responsibility and independence in children. William Glasser's 7 Caring and 7 Deadly Habits will be considered and his life-changing powerful question revealed.

This workshop is a brief taste of parentSCOPE's 7 ways coaching model. Participants will be introduced to the concept of ontological coaching and the importance of being aware of our language, bodies and emotions. Participants will also be encouraged to follow our AAA coaching plan – stating their new awareness, what following action steps they would take, as well as considering how they would hold themselves accountable for those actions.

Throughout the workshop, each of the seven ways is showcased in the book/CD set "Salurri and The Way Train" – a book and teaching/learning tool for young children, parents and professionals.

What professionals said about our parentSCOPE workshop:

- I related to the workshop on several different levels that relate to my personal life, my family life, my working life, the working lives of those workers I supervise and my relationship with those who supervise my work.
- Not only helped me with my professional development, but allowed me to question my thinking and practice. I will use and develop these strategies with my parenting of my teenage son. I am now very interested for further reading in this area. Thank you.
- Very thought provoking and a great follow-up from the book. It has made me stop and think and question myself and my interactions. This will be so beneficial in both my professional and personal life. Thanks ladies!
- Thought provoking. Presenters were very easy to listen to. Generated discussion, which is great to explore ideas, opinions. Thank you. I will be referring the book and training to my daughter's school.