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Shared Book Reading Program



What is the Shared Book Reading Program at CliniKids?

Sharing books together can be a wonderful way to connect with your child, follow their interests and create opportunities for communication, language and early literacy.

Our Shared Book Reading Program supports parents and carers to build on the book sharing experiences they already have with their child. A Speech Pathologist will support you to explore what works well for your child, and introduce practical strategies to help you feel confident using these during everyday routines, working directly with video feedback and modelling.

The program was originally developed to support preschool-aged autistic children, however it can also be helpful for other families looking for additional support with book sharing.

What does the research say?

Research highlights the importance of Shared Book Reading for the development of early literacy and language skills.

The Shared Book Reading Program was developed by researchers at Griffith University and was found to support early spoken language and emergent literacy skills for autistic preschool-aged children.

The main findings of the study of the Shared Book Reading program by researchers at Griffith University were:

- Parents/caregivers and their children spent longer engaging in shared book reading
- Parents used strategies to support vocabulary learning and story structure
- Children became more talkative and used a wider range of words during shared book reading
- These findings suggest that supporting parents and carers to use responsive book sharing strategies can create more opportunities for children's communication and early literacy development

What to Expect

Initital Assessment: We'll explore your child's current communication and book sharing experiences

Parent/ Caregiver training: We will discuss practical strategies that you can try during book sharing with your child

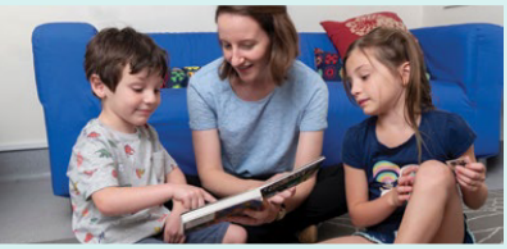
Video coaching: You will have opportunities to share a short video of yourself book sharing with your child. Together, you and your Speech Pathologist will reflect on what you notice, celebrate what is working and identify things you might like to try next through creation of a home plan.

Post-program assessment: We will review your child's progress and your experience of the program.

Who is the Shared Book Reading Program suitable for?

- Children with or without an autism diagnosis
- Children who are beginning to engage with books and can spend some time sharing a book with an adult for approximately five minutes
- Families who would like to support to make book sharing more enjoyable and communication rich
- Families would like to support their child's early language and literacy development

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WHAT IS THE FORMAT?
One-on-one coaching with a Speech Pathologist

HOW LONG?
Six fortnightly sessions.

WHERE?
Online via Telehealth, or in person at Subiaco or Joondalup.

Can my child receive this program at the same time as other interventions?

Yes, this program can be delivered alongside your child's other therapy supports.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Shared Book Reading at CliniKids and the research behind this program, and request an appointment:

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