Building confident learners through dispositions

Foundation session: Dispositions for Learning*

Children’s learning is enhanced when they have strong dispositions for learning. Dispositions are developed through a child’s interaction with the people and experiences they encounter. Some dispositions, such as being curious, resourceful, and purposeful and persistent support children as learners. This interactive session will include information about:

- What dispositions are
- How dispositions are formed
- How you can recognise and support children’s dispositions
- How to program for and document dispositions that support learning.

Wed, 11th October, 9am-4.30pm
Cost: $150.00 | enrolment.gowriesa.org.au
*Completion of this full day foundational session is a prerequisite for attending any or all of the other sessions.

Learning Dispositions and literacy

This session will focus on how dispositions are connected with children's literacy development.

It will include:

- The learning processes from the DECD Preschool Literacy Indicators (suitable for B-5)
- How positive learning dispositions support children as active communicators
- Practical planning for literacy.

Wed, 29th November, 1pm - 4pm
Cost: $99.00 | enrolment.gowriesa.org.au
Note: Completion of ‘Dispositions for Learning’ is a prerequisite.

Learning Dispositions and children with special rights

The development of dispositions supports all children and their engagement and learning. In this session, we will focus on the dispositions that support children with special rights. Some educators feel that focusing on dispositions that children are developing will promote a strengths narrative for children and their families. Co-facilitated with Heather Ward, this session will include:

- An in-depth view of two dispositions and how to recognise and promote their development
- Taking with families about learning dispositions
- Practical programming based on participants’ situations.

Wed, 6th December, 9.30am-12.30pm
Cost: $99.00 | enrolment.gowriesa.org.au
Note: Completion of ‘Dispositions for Learning’ is a prerequisite.

Learning Dispositions and numeracy with Jane Lemon

This session will focus on the connections between learning dispositions and the learning processes that strengthen children’s numeracy development.

It will include:

- The learning processes from the DECD Preschool Numeracy Indicators (suitable for B-5)
- How both dispositions and learning processes underpin the development of numeracy
- Practical planning for numeracy.

Wed, 25th October, 9.30am-12.30pm
Cost: $99.00 | enrolment.gowriesa.org.au
Note: Completion of ‘Dispositions for Learning’ is a prerequisite.

All sessions will be held at:
Gowrie SA Professional Learning Programs,
43 Dew Street, Thebarton

Jane Lemon
Jane has been part of the early childhood sector in South Australia for well over 40 years. She has worked in preschools throughout Adelaide, and taught at both Uni SA and Flinders University.

She was one of the founding managers for the innovative Learning Together program, and subsequently was responsible for the program across the state. In her role as Manager, Family Learning, Jane worked with educators and families to co-construct resources including Dispositions for Learning. Jane is now the principal consultant at Citron Early Childhood.

Heather Ward
Heather worked in preschools for over 20 years before joining DECD state office as Manager, Children's Centres, providing strategic advice on governance and best practice in integrated early childhood service delivery, including centre-based models.

She is currently a Director on the Board of Down Syndrome SA and liaises with Flinders University supporting early childhood students in preschool placements.