



History of the Verbal Interaction Programme

This programme, adapted from the Verbal Interaction Programme (now called the Parent Child Home Programme in the U.S) developed by Dr. Phyllis Levenstein, is a general enrichment programme that models techniques for the parents/guardians on how to generally “talk and play” with their child.



Please call if you require...

- ⇒ information about Child Development Programme.
- ⇒ support that will provide positive opportunities for the growth and development of your child.
- ⇒ information about diagnosed developmental conditions.
- ⇒ information about community services.



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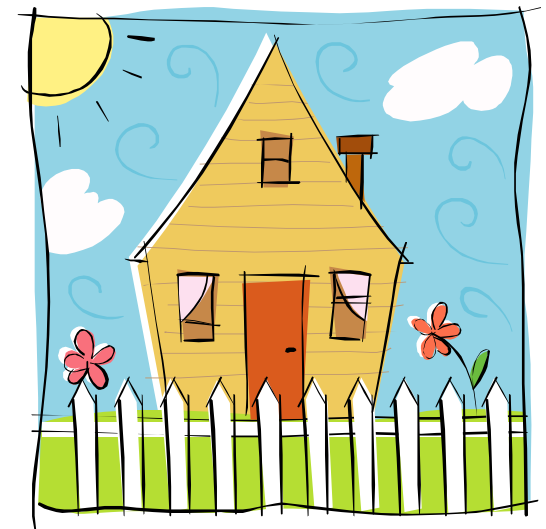
VERBAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMME



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**“Building the foundation
for future learning.”**



The Parent-Child Home Programme

Also known as the Verbal Interaction Programme is a voluntary researched based, family literacy programme linked to the parent child relationship. A core belief of the programme is that parents are a child's first teacher.



Who We Are

We are Trained Parent Support Home Visitors supervised by the Programme Coordinator.



The Parent Support Home Visitor must have a minimum qualification of a Child Care Certificate and receive training in VIP skills and techniques from the Coordinator.

The Programme Coordinator has a Master's Degree in Social Work, Counseling or a related field and has to be trained by the National Centre for the Parent-Child Home Programme, prior to managing the programme.

Benefits For You:

The Programme will:

- ⇒ increase how often you talk to your child/children
- ⇒ support and enhance the quality of your relationship with your child/children
- ⇒ show you how to improve your parenting skills

Benefits For Child:

Assist your child/ children to:

- ⇒ interact with others
- ⇒ deal with their feelings
- ⇒ enhance their thinking skills
- ⇒ support their fine and gross motor skills
- ⇒ follow directions
- ⇒ increase their attention span
- ⇒ increase their vocabulary and interest in books



Provide the foundation for your child's/children's future school success.

How does this Programme work?

- ⇒ Your 2-4 year old would receive twice weekly 30 minute visits during which the PSHV models how to use the Verbal Interaction Stimulus Materials (VISMS) i.e. the age appropriate books and toys. Some of the VISMS will be yours to keep others will have to be returned.
- ⇒ Visits for families with children birth-2 yrs are once a week for twenty minutes

