

LET'S CHAT PROGRAM



Let's Chat provides early childhood educators with strategies and tools to support the inclusion and participation of all children. Run by a Novita speech pathologist, the Let's Chat program focuses on embedding multimodal communication strategies – including **key word sign** and **visual communication supports** – into preschool activities and routines. The program can be delivered: Face-to-face, Online (telehealth) or Hybrid (combined approach).

Build educator confidence and skills

Educators learn communication tools and strategies they can use in everyday preschool activities, routines and transitions.

Support communication development

Research shows that the use of multimodal communication strategies supports speech, language, and social development.

Increase participation and inclusion

Children are better able to communicate, engage with peers, and participate in learning opportunities.

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Let's Chat includes 7 sessions over 11 hours, combining training and coaching support.

1 Observation (2 hours)

In person visit or virtual meeting to observe preschool activities and routines and identify communication opportunities.

2 Multimodal Communication Training (90 minutes)

Learn about the importance of supporting multimodal communication and factors impacting communication development.

3 Key Word Sign and Gesture Training (90 minutes)

Learn over 60 key word signs and participate in practical activities to build sign fluency.

4 Follow Up Coaching (90 minutes)

In person or virtual 'on the floor' support to implement key word sign and gesture in preschool activities and routines.

5 Visual Communication Supports Training (90 minutes)

Learn how to use visual communication supports, such as preschool activity communication boards.

6 Follow Up Coaching (90 minutes)

In person or virtual 'on the floor' support to implement visual communication supports in preschool activities and routines.

7 Final Review and Next Steps (90 minutes)

Final in-person or virtual visit to review progress and develop a plan to maintain and grow communication support.

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LET'S GET STARTED

The Let's Chat program is \$2,100 + GST, including all training and coaching support, as well as resources to use in your preschool — such as a key word sign vocabulary booklet and 12 communication boards. Travel costs may apply. **To book or learn more email training@novita.org.au or call 1300 668 482.**