

PD: Using Visual Supports in Early Childhood Settings

Have you thought about using visuals but not sure where to start? Would you like more information about how to effectively use visuals within your program?

Visual supports, such as pictures, objects and schedules, are used for children, to enhance understanding, reduce anxiety and promote independence by providing clear and structured information about routines, expectations and social situations.

Visuals can be particularly beneficial for children with diverse learning needs, speech and language difficulties or developmental delays

In this interactive workshop you will learn the theory behind using visual supports in early childhood settings. You will also develop your own set of visual resources to take back to your centre. There will be opportunity to ask questions of our wonderful facilitator Joanna Chalkley. Jo will be available to provide support and guidance throughout the session.

All material, equipment and resources will be provided, and you will leave more confident to use visual supports in your program and everyday practice.

About the presenter

Joanna Chalkley, from Make the Connection Coburg, has been a speech pathologist for over 25 years and has worked in a variety of settings including early intervention, community health and in schools.

Joanna is a strong believer in the importance of developing collaborative and supportive relationships with the most important people in the life of the children.

Joanna has always enjoyed working with children and values the fun, joy and ideas that this brings to her practice. Outside of work Joanna enjoys books and movies and sharing these with her young son.



Key Details

Date

Wednesday 18 February 2026

Time

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue

Coburg Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street
Coburg (enter via Urquhart St)

Cost

\$25 per person

Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings

Bookings are essential as places are limited to 40 participants

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