

## GRANT FUNDED INNOVATIONS

### TELSTRA FOUNDATION IMODELING PROJECT

The Telstra Foundation iModeling Project is a social development group project for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) aged 8-15, which incorporates video based interventions. The program has identified targeted outcomes, which include conversation skills and self-protective behaviours. Video based interventions and information technologies are employed, including feed forward and positive self-review.

The program is funded by ongoing grants from the Telstra Foundation.

### PAKA SOKA

PAKA SOKA is a soccer skills program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder aged 8-12, funded by PAKA (Parents Assisting Kids with Autism). The program is run in conjunction with SASRAPID and Autism SA, and fosters physical health and wellbeing, inclusive participation in sport and social development.

### LEAPS AND BOUNDS

The Leaps and Bounds program has been developed in recognition of the fact that many children with Autism Spectrum Disorder experience social isolation and exclusion from extracurricular programs such as sport, music and the arts. The program recognises that the arts have important social and cultural value in Australian society, and contributes to the health and wellbeing of all children, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program is funded by PAKA and is conducted in collaboration with Restless Dance Theatre Company.

**Expressions of interest are requested from the target client groups to participate in these programs.**

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Family and Community Services on 8379 6976  
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# SPECTRUM ADVISORY SERVICES

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**THE INFO LINE 1300 AUTISM (1300 288 476), PROVIDES NON-CLINICAL INFORMATION ABOUT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND REFERRALS INTERNALLY TO AUTISM SA STAFF AND EXTERNALLY TO OTHER AGENCIES OR PROFESSIONALS. IT IS AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-4PM.**

## **RESOURCE CENTRE**

Library and information services are provided by the Resource Centre to people in our community. The Resource Centre has a range of books and DVDs on autism and Asperger syndrome and subscribes to journals from around the world. Staff are available to assist in finding information. The catalogue of resources is available at [webdb.central.sa.edu.au/aasa.htm](http://webdb.central.sa.edu.au/aasa.htm) Publications produced by Autism SA are on display and are available for sale.

## **POST-DIAGNOSTIC APPOINTMENTS**

Soon after a diagnosis is confirmed by Autism SA, Spectrum Advisory Services arranges appointments with families/individuals in the metropolitan area, and phone contact to families and adults in the country to provide additional information about Autism Spectrum Disorder, relevant services, intervention and treatment programs.

## **FAMILY WORKSHOPS AND OTHER TRAINING**

Please see Training brochure available at Autism SA or visit the Autism SA website for further information.

## **PARENT SUPPORT NETWORKS**

There are a number of family support groups in the metropolitan and country areas. Limited training and support is provided to these groups by Consultants. Further information is available on the website and through the Info Line.

## **BRIEF INDIVIDUALISED SUPPORT**

Time limited support is available to individuals and families to work on a range of issues. This may consist of centre-based assistance for individuals or families to work through issues within structured sessions, small group sessions or attendance of Consultants at case conferences and other support meetings. Referrals are received through the Autism SA Info Line.

## **PEER MENTOR PROGRAM**

The Peer Mentor Program assists people between the ages of 7 and 25 by providing trained peer mentors. The mentors and mentees are supported to meet fortnightly for activities designed to reach a range of goals identified to meet the transition needs of young people with ASD.

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Social groups that are developmental in nature, offer clients a range of interventions aimed at improving self-management, self-determination and self-advocacy. Groups may be age, gender or interest specific. Community based venues are utilised for these services. Priority of access criteria and waiting lists apply to these groups. Contact the Info Line for more information.

## **COMPANY@ EDUCATIONAL THEATRE**

Company@ (Autistic Theatre) is a performance ensemble made up of actors on the Autism Spectrum. Company@ inspires and connects people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder through the process of creating and presenting performing arts pieces. Company@ contributes to the creative and cultural life of people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and broader communities through collaboration, innovation and education. A pioneer in Australian theatre for adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Company@ presents quality events, workshops and performances. To book a Performance or workshop for your school or community group, please contact us.