The Early Start Denver Model (ESDM), developed by Dr. Sally Rogers and Dr. Geraldine Dawson, is a comprehensive behavioural early intervention approach for children with an autism spectrum disorder, ages 12 to 60 months. In this introductory one day workshop, learn about the theoretical and empirical framework, curriculum and teaching principles of the ESDM. Topics include how to:

- Become a play partner with a child with ASD and engage them in rich dyadic learning experiences;
- Promote children’s development across all domains. In particular communication, social interaction and imitation;
- Administer and complete a developmental assessment of children’s skill levels;
- Develop individualised, developmentally appropriate teaching objectives;
- Implement the ESDM teaching practices and fidelity system to evaluate technique use; and
- Maintain data systems and address poor or limited child progress, when needed.

Presenter: Elizabeth Fulton, Certified ESDM Trainer

Elizabeth has developed and managed the ESDM Programs for KU Children’s Services in Sydney Australia. Elizabeth trains and provides ongoing supervision to ESDM therapists and programs. Her clinical experience includes assessing children with ASD; developing and supervising Group ESDM intervention programs; establishing and supervising ESDM Clinics and ESDM Parent Training. She is also an experienced presenter, training large groups of professionals in a range of early childhood intervention topics. Elizabeth is a certified ESDM therapist and the first Certified ESDM Trainer in Australia. Elizabeth has been working with children with autism and their families for many years. She is also on staff at the University of NSW in the Faculty of Medicine – School of Psychiatry and currently completing her PhD in Psychiatry.

Monday, 19th October 9:30am – 4.30pm
Parents/Whanau/Family members: $105
Professionals: $155

Theatre Block Lecture Theatre 1, Victoria University of Wellington, Donald Street, Karori, Wellington. Map available at: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/explore-victoria/campuses/karori

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided
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Proceeds will go towards the costs of the workshop and fundraising for research on the Early Start Denver Model
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