



Promoting the Early Development of Children with an Intellectual Disability

Age specific, half-day seminars in Mullingar and Dublin providing practical support for any parent or professional caring for a child with an intellectual disability.

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During the first week in June 2009, Early Intervention Specialist, Ann Haig Wheeler B.A, M.A, A.B.A, will return to Ireland to deliver four, age specific, half-day seminars in the Mullingar Park Hotel (4th June) and Regeny Hotel, Dublin (6th June) which offer a range of practical support to parents and professionals caring for a child with an intellectual disability. The seminars are organised by the Down Syndrome Centre (www.downsyndromecentre.ie)

The morning seminars will focus on children aged 0 – 3 yrs (**Time: 9.30am to 12.45pm**) and will cover developmental profile; sensory foundations to development; preventing elopement; facilitating communication and language skills, siblings and family life and a discussion of alternative therapies.

The afternoon seminars will focus on children aged 3 – 6yrs (**Time: 2.00pm – 5.15pm**) and will cover toilet training; behaviour management; learning to learn; facilitating language; awareness of sensory needs and self esteem.

The cost of each session is €75 to include tea/coffee breaks and hand-outs with a reduced price of €125 available to couples and to anyone wishing to attend all day. Places can be booked online at www.downsyndromecentre.ie or by credit card to **01 – 661 8000**.

Ann Haig Wheeler formerly lived and worked in Ireland where she practiced for over eight years and where she gave birth to her daughter Ally, who was born with Down syndrome and autism. While resident in Ireland she began her own early development service (SKIP) which remains in operation in Tallaght, Co Dublin. In 2008, she returned to live in the US and currently runs a private practice and works for a hospital. However, she has maintained her presence with her Irish audience through her weekly blogs on www.downsyndromecentre.ie.

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