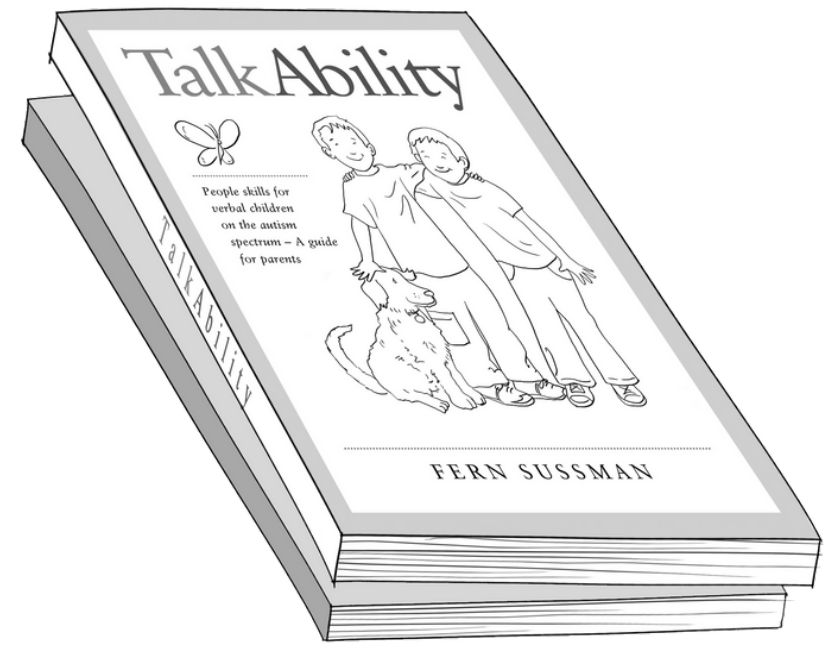


TalkAbility™



People skills for verbal children with Autism

The TalkAbility™ program is designed for parents of Autistic children ages 4-8 who are speaking in sentences and having conversations. The program makes the most of your child's unique strengths and preferences, as well as their natural day-to-day activities, to help them find more joy and connection in their interactions and to foster mutual understanding between your child and the important people in their life.

Learning outcomes could include:

- How your child currently engages in conversation
- Next steps to help your child have more balanced, back-and-forth conversations
- Encouraging your child to pay attention to non-verbal social messages
- Helping your child understand the meaning behind words
- Helping your child tell stories, play imaginatively and make friends

Program overview:

Talkability is an online 13-week program and includes:

- 1 commitment-free online orientation session on Tuesday 6 February; 7.30pm
- 1 pre-program individual consultation with a Hanen speech pathologist to assess your child and set communication goals
- 8x weekly online group sessions; 2.5 hours each
- 3 individual video feedback online sessions that take place between the group sessions for parents—you and your child are recorded while playing. Then you and the speech pathologist review and discuss the recording to see what's working and how you can modify strategies to help your child

Cost

The course cost can be claimed through the NDIS.

Group sessions will be charged under Training for carers/parents. Individual sessions are charged under Capacity Building funding for Improved Daily Living or purchased privately.

The total cost is \$3,343.04 per person or couple.

A minimum of 4 people is required to run the program.

When

The program will run in Term 1 and part of Term 2 on Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 10pm AEDT/NSW time. Starting date is likely to be Tuesday 20 February 2024.

Location

This event is held online using Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to you prior to the event.

If you have accessibility needs, please advise during registration.

Resources

To participate in this program, parents and carers must purchase an eBook manual from Amazon.com.au independently. The manual costs approximately \$59 and you will receive a link to it once the program is confirmed.

