

'First Steps in ABA' is an innovative and supported group workshop that will help you to understand and use Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) in supporting people with special educational needs.

The course provides the foundation skills in learning how to support individuals by building key communication skills. Whether the individual has difficulty in learning how to read, write, communicate or play, 'First Steps in ABA' will introduce you to a set of techniques which has forty years of evidence demonstrating their effectiveness.



This three day practical course offers you online support and includes a range of interactive learning experiences for professionals and parents alike. If you are interested in learning how to design an instructional ABA programme, how to break tasks into manageable sequences, how to motivate individuals, along with a host of other behavioural skills, this course is a must.

All the scheduled courses along with our local partners' contact details are listed at 'www.developing-ability.com'

'First Steps in ABA' is the first of a series of practical courses developed by The Developing Ability Partnership, led by Dr. Ken Kerr (Director of Services) with contributions from Dr. Phil Smyth, Dr. Claire McDowell (University of Ulster) and Dr. Katrina Duffy (Saplings School).



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GROUP WORKSHOP WITH DR KEN KERR

Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo

Starting Saturday May 14th 2011 for three consecutive Saturdays



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'First Steps in ABA' provides tools to help you understand and design an effective learning programme. This programme creates a positive learning environment that will help to improve the quality of life of individuals with special educational needs (SEN). The principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis allow supports to be specifically tailored to the individual.

Modules in 'First Steps in ABA'

1. What is Quality of Life?
2. What is Applied Behaviour Analysis?
3. Designing Effective Teaching.
4. Prompting for Success.
5. Understanding Reinforcement.
6. Reinforcement in Action.

Throughout the **'First Steps in ABA'** course, video clips are used as practical illustrations and the course provides downloadable teaching aids to help your understanding and use of ABA. For more information or to access a sample of the course, visit:



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"Before this course I had some experience in ABA but no formal training. This course was designed very well, the practical side is excellent" - Marie, a parent.

"...extremely worthwhile and interesting. The practical ideas to deal with various situations are greatly appreciated..." - Margaret, Special Needs Assistant.

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'First Steps in ABA' paves the way for you to help in improving the quality of life not only for the child with special needs, but for the family and those close to them. The course is ideal for people without any experience of ABA or for those who want to refresh their skills. The ancillary online course allows you start, pause, stop and review sections as often as you wish.

These modules are supported by an online community moderated by our panel of experts. You can talk to the experts or others in similar situations, get answers to questions you might have and share your experiences, all in a positive and supportive environment. To access a sample of the online course, visit:

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First Steps in ABA will help you...

- To understand and advocate on behalf of the individual to improve their quality of life.
- To deliver at-home supports in partnership with other services, in order to enhance the quality of life experienced by the individual.
- To develop and design at-home supports tailored to meet individual needs and abilities.
- To support individuals who use challenging behaviour through innovative interventions.
- To develop skill acquisition programs for individuals to enhance all life experiences.

For further information or to book a place on a **'First Steps in ABA'** workshop please complete the following form and return it to the address listed.

For further information please call **1890 736 736**. To reserve a place on **'First Steps in ABA'** in Sligo starting **May 14th 2011**, please complete the following form and return it to the address at the bottom. Places are limited.

Name:

Address:

Contact Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Please reserve a place for me on 'First Steps in ABA':

Standard Price €395

IAA Member (Parent, SNA, etc.) €295

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