

# Tips and Tricks to Developing Theory of Mind in Children

## 21 - 22 April 2022

### Introduction

Having a matured concept of Theory of Mind (ToM) is essential in managing relationships and social communications as it allows a person to better predict and explain another person's thoughts and behaviours. The course will help healthcare professionals appreciate the importance of overhearing and incidental learning in ToM development and facilitate a child's ToM using Auditory-Verbal Strategies.

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- describe what ToM is and why it is an important part of a child's development.
- identify mental state verbs and explain what false-belief understanding is.
- explain the link between audition, language and ToM development.
- understand the importance of incidental learning and learn how to capitalize on this.
- identify different parent learning styles and understand the importance of parent guidance.
- apply Auditory-Verbal strategies to facilitate ToM Development in children with delays.

### Course Outline

#### Day 1

- Introduction to the concept of ToM development.
- Role of language in ToM development and the most common mistakes made with children who have language delays.
- Role of audition in ToM development: Incidental learning and overhearing-how do we capitalize on this?

#### Day 2

- Discovering parent learning styles.
- Auditory-Verbal Strategies and its application.
- Making books come alive! Using books to develop ToM.
- Case Discussions: Working with children with a delayed ToM.

### Teaching Faculty



**Miss Nikita Kamdar**  
**Senior Auditory-Verbal Therapist**  
**ENT Centre, Singapore General Hospital**

**Nikita** graduated with a Master's Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences (Deaf Education-Early Oral Intervention) from the United States and is one of the few certified Listening & Spoken Language Therapists in Singapore. Her experience and interests also include working with children with hearing loss and other developmental challenges such as Autism. Nikita is also a firm believer in patient education and providing extended care to families of children with hearing loss through support group activities.

### Course Details

Date	: 21 - 22 April 2022, Thursday - Friday
Duration	: 2 half days (Total 8 hours / 4 hours per session)
Time	: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Class Size	: 20
Device	: Laptop / Desktop
Required	(with microphone, speaker and webcam)
Platform	: Zoom Cloud Meetings
Fee	: S\$360 (SingHealth)
	(inclusive of S\$400 (Regular)
	7% GST)

This course is **pre-approved** for VCF funding.

**Course fees with VCF funding\*:**

**S\$280** (Singaporean/ PR)

**S\$360** (Work Permit/ Employment Pass/ S Pass Holders)

*\*For NCSS member SSAs and MSF-funded SSAs only. **Should PGAHI's reimbursement with NCSS be unsuccessful, the balance of course fees will be billed to the participant's organisation.***

### Target Audience

Any healthcare professional working with children.

### Registration

To register (Internet access is required), scan the QR code or click on the web link. Registration closes on **18 March 2022, Friday.**



<https://form.gov.sg/61d537276c60da00126f8970>

Upon registration, you agree to the following [Terms & Conditions](#).

*Any cancellation or replacement must be conveyed to PGAHI in writing. No cancellation fee is applied if request is received on or before **31 March 2022**. A cancellation fee of 50% of course fee will be charged if cancellation request is received after **31 March 2022**. PGAHI reserves the right to cancel the course and fully refund the amount of registration fee paid to the participants should unforeseen circumstances necessitate it.*

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