



Inspir=Ed 'Spirit of Childhood'

Testimonials



'The program materials and the participants' responses are so affirming. I commend you on the creative work you are doing to strengthen early parent-child bonds. This is the single most important protective factor in relation to child abuse and neglect.'

Professor Dorothy Scott
Director,
Australian Centre for Child Protection
University of South Australia

'Intuitively, programs like yours, which use multiple sensory modalities to encourage children's engagement with their caregivers and physical environment offer much promise..... I wish you well with further development of the program and if i can be of any assistance in facilitating access to resources to assist in its evaluation, please let me know.'

Professor Graham Vimpani AM, MBBS, FRACP, FAFPHM, PhD
Clinical Chair
Kaleidoscope in Greater Newcastle
Hunter Children's Health Network
Head of the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health
University of Newcastle

'I am pleased to support this work because of its focus on early intervention and enhancing parent education. This project utilises innovative strategies and has a very hands-on and practical approach.'

Ass. Professor Anne Graham
(Director)
Centre for Children and Young People
Southern Cross University



'The relationship between mother and newborn is critical for a positive life trajectory. The innovation in this project is the use of the kits to enhance parenting skills and promote positive relationships between parent and child while teaching children a range of skills.

I believe this is a much needed resource that would have practical application in a variety of circumstances and Aboriginal communities.'

Lesley Taylor
Parenting Support Coordinator
Remote Areas Resource and Development Unit
Family and Children's Services
Northern Territory Health Department



'...the Inspir=Ed process/product would make an excellent resource that will complement our work and bring new opportunities to strengthen relationships. an essential resource for increasing understandings around early childhood development and the importance of secure attachment in the early stages of life.... '

Victor Evatt
Project Coordinator, Beyond Empathy, Connections
National President,
Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Inc. (AIMHI)



'Over the last twenty-five years I have used in playgroup, pre-school and kindergarten environments the natural materials that have formed the basis of the Inspir=Ed Kits..... I have witnessed over the years the extraordinary positive impact of working with these simple resources combined with love and respect for the child..... Children who are surrounded by these natural play objects and this form of "action learning" are visibly more relaxed in their sense of being. We have long known the importance of the development of the child's neural pathways through play and craft using natural materials. It is timely and much needed that these resources and ways of working are now reaching a wider audience.

In the complex maze of parent support literature and expert advice, 'Inspired Education' offers a refreshing, aesthetic and practical change. It is a project that has great potential to support and nourish parents from all stratas of life across Australia.'

Susan Perrow,
Early Childhood Teacher, Teacher Trainer/Facilitator, M. Ed. (Hons)

'Your product is beautiful and will assist families and children to work together in a really positive way.. Good Beginnings believes that building child/parent relationships is one of the most important things we do and certainly in our experience using play and creative activities is a great way of doing this.'

Barbara Wellesley
Good Beginnings



'We thank you for presenting the program to the Obstetric and Gynae department and Kaleidoscope department here at John Hunter Hospital. Our team are very excited about the prospect of implementing this program with our clients of the Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Service.'

Carolyn Ripper
Co-Ordinator/Midwife/C&FHN, Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Service
John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle

'Better Beginnings is interested in the work that Inspired Education is doing in the area of literacy with particular reference to working with Indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities. We are also interested in exploring ways in which we can work together and would appreciate being kept informed of the progress of the program in other states and territories.'

Nola Allen, Library Consultant
Better Beginnings
State Library of Western Australia



'Parents are always looking for ideas to support their natural parenting intuition. The parenting guide will be such a valuable resource to have to give to parents, so they gain the confidence to connect with their own parenting skills.I think many new mothers feel isolated in the way of finding information about raising and nurturing children. Especially in regard to finding natural materials and activities which are age appropriate. I really think your kits could make a difference to many families.'

Heather Kokinos, Co-ordinator of Dragonflies Playgroup, Katherine, NT

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