



Webinar: What is Autism?

Who This Course Is For

- You are a parent, caregiver, or professional working with a child on the autism spectrum and wants to understand and support the child better
- You have a family member or loved one with a child on the autism spectrum and would like to be a source of support
- You are anyone who would like to understand and include persons on the autism spectrum in your community activities

What You'll Learn

- Prevalence and causes of autism
- Characteristics of a child on the autism spectrum
- Identifying strengths and preferences of children on the autism spectrum
- Collaboration with Professionals

Date & Time

14 October 2022 (Friday)
5.30pm to 7.30pm (SGT)

Registration Deadline

10 October 2022 (Monday)
5.00pm (SGT)

Delivery Mode

Online (Zoom)

Fee

\$20 (SGD)



The Center for Psychology

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Course Description

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how a person communicates and interacts with the world around them. It is a spectrum condition, and each person is affected in different ways.

With a lens directed at seeing the strengths of each child on the autism spectrum, this course lays the foundation for participants to develop a deeper understanding of autism, which allows for individualised support to be provided.

Participants will be exposed to current research on autism, be engaged in learning activities that are designed to help them understand their child or student with autism better and be able to share this information with other professionals or team members. Through this, we hope to shape the perspectives of persons caring for or interacting with children on the autism spectrum, and in turn be better equipped to support their participation in various learning and social environments.



Speaker: Wee Weitang

Ms. Wee Weitang is our Programme Director for the Autism Early Intervention Programme at The Center for Psychology. She has a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and English Language) from National University of Singapore and a Masters in Autism Studies from Griffith University – Autism Centre of Excellence. In her current role, Weitang looks forward to extending her knowledge and support tools to the team and families that she works with. It is her strong belief that caregivers and teachers should be empowered to be advocates for persons on the autism spectrum.

Having started as an early intervention teacher for children on the autism spectrum in 2006, Weitang has been trained in various educational assessment methods and intervention approaches such as Applied Behaviour Analysis, Positive Behaviour Support, Structured TEACCHing, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Explicit Teaching and others, to improve the social communication and emotional regulation of preschool aged children on the autism spectrum. She has extensive experience and successful partnerships with families to support their early intervention journeys to attain long-term, positive outcomes in areas of social communication, emotional well-being and self-reliance.

In her years of service to families with children on the autism spectrum, Weitang had been instrumental in coaching and mentoring groups of educators, as well as implementing key early intervention initiatives such as the Early Childhood Holistic Outcomes (ECHO) project and accreditation with the National Autistic Society (UK), in the capacity of a Teacher Coach & Lead Early Interventionist at the WeCAN Early Intervention Programme at Autism Resource Centre (Singapore). She was also a trainer and co-facilitator with the Autism Resource Centre (S) Learning Academy, providing workshops and training modules to caregivers as well as educators. These include courses such as Task Analysis, Early Intervention Preparatory Programme and Play Skills. In addition to these, Weitang co-facilitated a series of parent workshops – Signposts for Building Better Behaviours, with KK Hospital.

With her firm belief in equipping more educators to contribute in the fast-changing early childhood and early intervention landscape in Singapore, Weitang is also currently an Associate Lecturer with the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.