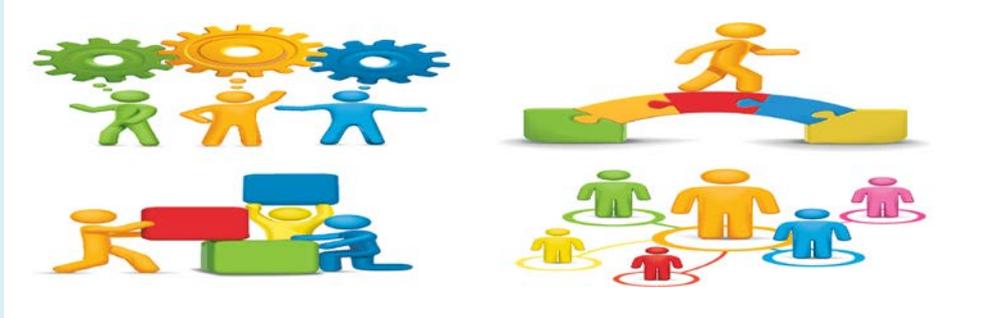


## Talk to Literacy

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Hello,

My name is Lynne Middleton and I have been a Speech Pathologist for over 35 years.

I am delighted to say I still enjoy my profession. There is nothing more satisfying than helping someone reach their potential by ensuring they are able to communicate well.

I have a Bachelor of Applied Science in Speech Pathology but I have also undertaken a considerable amount of training over the years. Some of the certified courses I have undertaken are listed below:

- Hanen It Takes Two to Talk, More than Words, Talkability and ABC and Beyond
- Circle of Security
- DIR Stages 1 and 2
- Texthelp
- Ipad for Education through Spectronics
- The Alert Program
- Wilbarger Sensory Defensiveness
- SOS Feeding Program
- Toby Facilitator Program
- Lactation Advisor
- The Lidcombe Program
- Auditory Processing

I have a particular interest in Early Language, Autism, Motor Speech Difficulties, Attention Difficulties, Literacy and Adolescent Language.

One of the greatest joys I have daily is to work with parents to help their children achieve their communication potential. Parents understand their children best and working together means we both learn a great deal about therapy and about the child we are working with.

Being a mum of five children (four of whom are now adults) has taught me to be realistic in my expectations of busy households, so therapy goals are achievable, practical and fun. I love any excuse to play a game as you will see by the walls of my clinic. I also love writing stories together with children. This can be really amusing and fulfilling for both of us.

I have a reasonable grasp of technology which enables me to work with clients who require communication devices. These devices are improving all the time and allowing their use enables a person to advocate for their own individual needs.

I have been actively involved in my profession, being President of PSPAWA for five years until 2008 and have delivered some research papers nationally and internationally.

I believe firmly that good communication skills are a basic human right and that the majority of us must talk and understand well before we commence literacy learning.

With Kind Regards,

*Lynne*