

PUPPETS FOR LEARNING 2024

Training and Resources: "Using Puppets for Social and Emotional Learning"

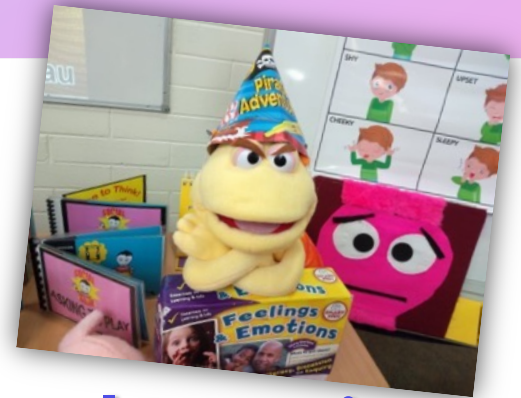
Information for including our Training in your 2024 School Readiness Funding (SRF) Plan

Our training sessions have been included on the SRF menu since 2021 and have proven to be a popular choice for centres wanting to address **social and emotional learning** in a fun and meaningful way.

We're passionate about the use of puppets in learning - and we hope to inspire you too! Please note that our training is always changing to stay in line with current research. Some centres choose to train staff with us a second time.

But it's not just about puppets! We cover lots of social and emotional theory, we look at trauma and neurodiversity and there are lots of resources and programming tips (for those who aren't so keen on using furry friends). You'll receive flashcards and books to print, programs - and even some eyebrows (!) as part of the training.

The following pages contain all the information you'll require for submitting your 2024 SRF plan however **the training is open to anyone interested in using puppets in the early years - therapists, teachers, caregivers etc...**



Please read on for all training options...

Menu Item: **Using Puppets for Social and Emotional Learning** PUPPETS FOR LEARNING

What's Included?

The training is conducted by Lucia Smith, a puppeteer and speech pathologist with 30 years of experience. Even if you're shy to use a puppet, she'll teach you the tricks to make it easy. It's a fun training, with lots of puppetry demonstrations and hands-on practice (if you are keen), but we do the serious stuff too. **It's NOT about performing a puppet show.** You'll understand why some children have challenges and differences in social and emotional development and what you can do to assist. And if you are not a fan of puppets, don't worry - the content covers social and emotional learning tips that can be useful even *without* the puppets! Lucia is the creator of several programs and resources related to social and emotional learning and these are included in the training.



There are several options for accessing the training, but whatever option you choose, this is what you will receive...

- **5 to 5.5 hours of training** (face-to-face or via Zoom). Zoom training can be completed in a straight block or over two or three sessions. After-hours and weekend sessions are also an option.
- Each centre (or representative of the centre) will receive a **USB stick of data including emotions resources, social learning programs, screening checklists and loads of stuff to support social & emotional programming within your centre.** This may be copied for all staff within the centre.
- Participants also receive access to **training video clips** to assist them in revising and revisiting information and tips covered within the training.
- **Follow-up support is provided** via phone, email or Zoom as needed.
- Lucia, being a speech pathologist, includes some **speech and language resources** on your USB stick too. (Speech and language is, of course, such a vital part of social and emotional development).
- An **optional puppet package** may be purchased as part of the program (now that's a tongue-twister!). The puppets have been selected to support specific parts of the programming, however you may choose to just purchase one or two of the puppets after you have seen how they can be used. You can always use your own if you feel they are suitable. Puppet packages are usually sent to you prior to the training (See Page 8).
- There are also **two sets of cards** which may be purchased as part of the training (See Page 9).



How do I access the training and what are the costs?

Puppets for Learning is based in Far East Gippsland. Travel costs and overnight/accommodation charges need to be included in your plan if you wish to host a training day at your centre (OPTION 1).

If your SRF budget is small, please consider the **Zoom option for your centre** (OPTION 2) or if it's very small, consider **sending one or two staff members** to one of our Melbourne-based sessions that WE host at Hawthorn several times throughout the year (OPTION 3) or **sign one or more staff members up to the Zoom sessions** that we host (OPTION 4).

Option 1: Puppets for Learning comes to your centre. *This is the most expensive option

Option 2: Host a Customised Zoom Session for your centre.

Option 3: Attend at Melbourne-based workshop that WE host.

Option 4: Join a Zoom Session that WE host.



Please read on for details of each option...

Option 1: Puppets for Learning comes to your centre

The training can be run **at your service** for up to 30 participants however many centres have had as few as 4 or 5 staff members. You can always split the costs with other centres in your area. You host - and invite others to attend your venue.

Choosing this option means that the service will need to allocate funds towards travel costs and overnight stay fees **as negotiated** with Puppets For Learning. We are located in Far East Gippsland.

Suggested hours: 9.00am - 2.45pm (includes 15 mins for morning tea and 30 mins for lunch).

Costs for Option 1 (all prices include GST):

Day Training /Access to Video Clips/USB of programming resources/Follow-Up as Required: \$1980

Travel Costs: 78c is charged per KM from Far East Gippsland to your centre, return. This charge is often shared with other centres as we try and book visits to a region within the same week. Looking at the average travel costs for centres in 2023, we estimate that travel costs will be around **\$300** for Melbourne-based centres and **\$355** for Geelong-based centres. At this stage it is difficult to give exact quotes for travel as the number of centres we are visiting in a particular week is not yet known. **Accommodation/Overnight Charge:** A flat rate of **\$280** is charged and should be included in all visits to your centre (unless you are located in Far East Gippsland!)

Weekend Charge: \$220

Optional Puppet Package*: \$430 to \$480 **Koala Emotions Cards*: \$44**

Speech Sound Set Alphabet Cards*: \$77

***See Page 8 and 9 of this document.**



How to Book

1. Contact Conni with your preferred dates and we will confirm whether these are available. We will also give you a quote for travel costs. Email: admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au
2. Go to the TRAINING tab at the Pelican Talk website: <http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php> Click on Puppet Training Option 1. Sign up via the booking form and enter the dates as negotiated above. Order puppets if required.
3. Pay via credit card or choose Purchase Order at checkout and we will invoice you for payment.

Option 2: Host a Customised Zoom Session for your Centre.

If you wish to have a personalised training session/s just for your staff - but wish to save on travel and accommodation costs - you can organise to hold the training online. These can be done in a single day, or of an afternoon or evening.

Up to **25 staff** can join, logging in wherever and however they want! (Home, the centre, individually, as a group - or a combination of all of these!) **We send you what you need BEFORE the training date.**

The training can be run over:

OPTION 2a) ONE DAY of 5 hours 15 mins (plus 45 mins of break times) or...

OPTION 2b) Over TWO SESSIONS of 2 hrs 45 mins (at times that suit you) or...

OPTION 2c) OVER THREE SESSIONS of 2 hrs, 2 hrs and 1 hr (at times that suit you)

Costs for Option 2 (all prices include GST):

Training/Access to Video Clips/USB of programming resources/Follow-Up as Required:

Option 2a) **\$1980 total** if run in a single day,

Option 2b) **\$2200 total** if run over two sessions

Option 2c) **\$2400 total** if run over three sessions

Want a Weekend Training Session? Additional **\$150 per weekend session**

Optional Puppet Package*: \$430 to \$480 Koala Emotions Cards*: \$44

Speech Sound Set Alphabet Cards*: \$77

***See Page 8 and 9 of this document.**



How to Book

1. Contact Conni with your preferred days, times and we will notify you of some available dates.
Email: admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au
2. Go to the TRAINING tab at the Pelican Talk website: <http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php>
Click on Puppet Training Option 2. Sign up via the booking form and enter the dates negotiated above. Order puppets if required.
3. Pay via credit card or choose Purchase Order at checkout and we will invoice you for payment.

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Option 3: Attend at Melbourne-based workshop

Attend one of our Melbourne-based training days at Melbourne City College. Level 9, 120 Spencer Street (right opposite Southern Cross Station). A full attendance at one day is required to complete the training. Sessions begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.15 to 3.30pm. Morning tea is provided.

Centres can send along one or several staff members to any of our training days.

Note: these workshops book out quickly. Places are limited.

For 2024, the dates are:

Thursday 21st March 2024

Friday 22 March 2024

Thursday 16th May 2024

Friday 17th May 2024

Thursday 25th July 2024

Friday 26th July 2024

Costs for Option 3 (all prices include GST)

Training /Access to Video Clips/USB of programming resources for each centre/Follow-Up as Required: **\$385 per person.**

Optional Puppet Package*: **\$430 to \$480** Koala Emotions Cards*: **\$44**

Speech Sound Set Alphabet Cards*: **\$77**

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Catch the train and don't worry about parking!

How to Book

1. Go to the TRAINING tab at the Pelican Talk website:

<http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php>

Click on Puppet Training Option 3. Sign up via the booking form. Order puppets if required.

2. Pay via credit card or choose Purchase Order at checkout and we will invoice you for payment.



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Option 4: Join a Zoom Session that WE host.

Zoom training is hosted by *Puppets for Learning* five times a year.

The training is delivered across **two sessions** of 2 hours and 45 mins.

Usually the sessions run on a Thursday from 2.45 - 5.30pm

however one series runs on a Wednesday from 5.00pm - 7.45 pm.

Participants **join both sessions**. Participants are sent the puppets (if they order them) and the USB stick prior to the training.

Centres often register several staff members for this training option.

Dates are:

Series Two will run on:

- Wednesday May 1st 2024 5.00 - 7.45 pm AEST
- Wednesday May 8th 2024 5.00 - 7.45 pm AEST

Series Three will run on:

- Thursday May 2nd 2024. 2.45 - 5.30 pm AEST
- Thursday May 9th 2024. 2.45 - 5.30 pm AEST

Series Four will run on:

- Thursday Aug 1st 2024. 2.45 - 5.30 pm AEST
- Thursday Aug 8th 2024. 2.45 - 5.30 pm AEST

Costs for Option 4 (all prices include GST)

Training /Access to Video Clips/USB of programming resources for each centre/Follow-Up as Required: **\$385** per person

Optional Puppet Package*: **\$430 to \$480** Koala Emotions Cards*: **\$44.** Speech Sound Set Alphabet Cards*: **\$77**

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How to Book

1. Go to the TRAINING tab at the Pelican Talk website:
<http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php> Click on Puppet Training Option 3. Sign up via the booking form. Order puppets if required.
2. Pay via credit card or choose Purchase Order at checkout and we will invoice you for payment.



Puppet Packages Available



The puppet package is only available for centres who have had at least one staff member completing the program. The cost of the package/s can be included on your SRF plan. Each package includes five or six high quality puppets chosen specially to complement specific parts of the program. The cost includes postage or delivery to you. Note that ordering the puppets as a package is cheaper than purchasing puppets individually - but you do have the option of purchasing only one or two if you like. Puppets are posted to you prior to your training (if you order on time!)

Some centres with multiple rooms choose to purchase two or more puppet packages. We discourage you buying puppets just to “use up your funding allocation”. The most benefit for children will come from training more staff rather than buying more puppets!

In 2024, we are offering two different packages because Word Bird is only used in 4 year old kindergarten - and only comes out for the Word Bird session in Term 3 and/or Term 4.

Puppet Package 1 (Complete) (this includes postage). The package consists of **6 puppets**: **1) WORD BIRD** and **EGG**. **2) A CHARACTER PUPPET**: Green Monster or Gail The Snail (you choose) **3) A CALMING PUPPET**: Koala, Possum, Bunny or Kitten (you choose). **4) TOMMY TURTLE**. **5) TWO CHILDREN PUPPETS**: A Boy and a Girl (you choose - there are many options).

COST: **\$480** inc. GST each - includes postage

Puppet Package 2 (without Word Bird)

This consists of the 5 puppets as listed above (minus Word Bird).

COST: **\$430** inc. GST each - includes postage



How to Order

1. When booking your workshop, there is the option to include one or more puppet packages - and you can also make your puppet choices where applicable. If you wish to purchase more than one package, choose the item Puppet Package in the store and add to your cart.
2. If you wish to purchase a puppet package AFTER your training, go to the Puppet Package item in the online store at this link: <http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php>
3. If you wish to purchase just one (or some of the puppets - but not the whole package), visit the shop via the **Puppets for Learning** website and choose the SRF Training Puppets category or click on the link below: <https://www.puppetsforlearning.com.au/srf-training-puppets>

Left: Some of our puppets (other choices are available.)

Other Resources – these may be included in your SRF plan **PUPPETS FOR LEARNING**

USB stick of data. One USB stick is provided to each centre that 1) sends along at least one staff member to our face-to-face training sessions in Hawthorn or 2) joins our online zoom training sessions that we host. One USB stick is also provided to each centre that organises and hosts a face-to-face or Zoom training session for their own centre. If several centres combine to host, only the main host receives the USB stick. **The content of the USB stick may be copied amongst staff attending the training and/or placed on internal servers.** Some staff/centres may wish to purchase additional USB sticks.

USB sticks of data.

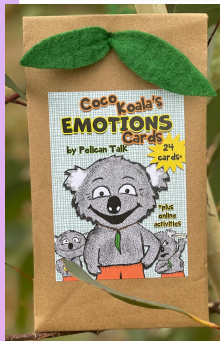
The USB stick contains programming sheets, planning sheets, checklists, books and flashcards to print, Social Sam program, Social Puppets program, slideshows and all of the notes for the workshop. All attending the training will have access to this data.

Additional USB sticks: **\$22 each.**

Speech Sound Set Alphabet Cards



This set of 29 cards introduces children to speech sounds, the way in which they are made with the mouth and the letters that they commonly link to. They are the PERFECT pre-literacy and speech sounds resource. The cards are half the size of an A4 piece of paper and come with loads of bonus free online activities to print. Also included are tips for exploring and making each sound. Buy one to use as a speech sound /letter teaching resource and one to stick on the wall as an alphabet frieze. **\$77 each set**



Coco Koala Emotions Cards **\$44 each set**

This set of 24 double-sided emotions cards explores facial expression, body-language as well as context for each emotion included in the pack. We have lots of positive emotions in this pack too! It's not all doom and gloom! They complement the learning nicely and come with bonus online tips, activities and pictures. 12cm x 8 cm.



How to Order

1. When booking your workshop, you can choose to include any of the above items in the Pelican Talk online store.
2. If you wish to purchase any of these AFTER your training, go to the individual item in the online store at this link:

<http://pelicantalk.com/TRAINING.php>

Our Details



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Your Trainer: Lucia Smith

Please contact Lucia with questions about the content of training or with follow-up questions or feedback from sessions you have completed with her.

Email: handup@puppetsforlearning.com.au

After you know which training option you would like to choose, bookings are made via the Pelican Talk website:

<https://pelicantalk.com/srf-training.php>

(You can order Puppet Packages when making your booking.)

Individual puppets (that is, not the WHOLE Puppet Package) can be made via the Puppets for Learning website:

<https://www.puppetsforlearning.com.au/srf-training-puppets>