

CONFIDENT KIDS 6-8 YEARS

A unique group program designed to boost your child's social skills



Who is suited to this program? ● Early intervention ● Primary school ● High school ● Adult

How is this program offered? ● In person ● Online Telehealth

Confident Kids 6-8 Years is a social skills group program for primary school children with hearing loss. It has been developed in response to current research into Theory of Mind development. The findings suggest that although children with hearing loss may have good speech and language skills, they often need support in learning how to use these communication skills with friends. Using listening based strategies, the group focuses on building social skills such as:

- The ability to take on another perspective and put yourself in someone else's shoes
- Understanding abstract concepts such as knowing, guessing, predicting, inferring, believing, pretending and wondering
- Repairing a breakdown in conversation
- How to show you are listening and interested in what others have to say
- Sportsmanship and paying compliments

- Humour and interpreting subtle social and language cues to differentiate the truth, a trick and a fib
- The powers of persuasion

On the final day there will be an excursion to practice our new skills in a more complex listening setting.

Confident Kids 6-8 Years involves a concurrent parent group led by our Child and Family Counsellors and Audiologists. There are opportunities to learn about emotion coaching, anxiety, resilience and Theory of Mind.

For any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator, on **02 9370 4400** or **groups@shepherdcentre.org.au**

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