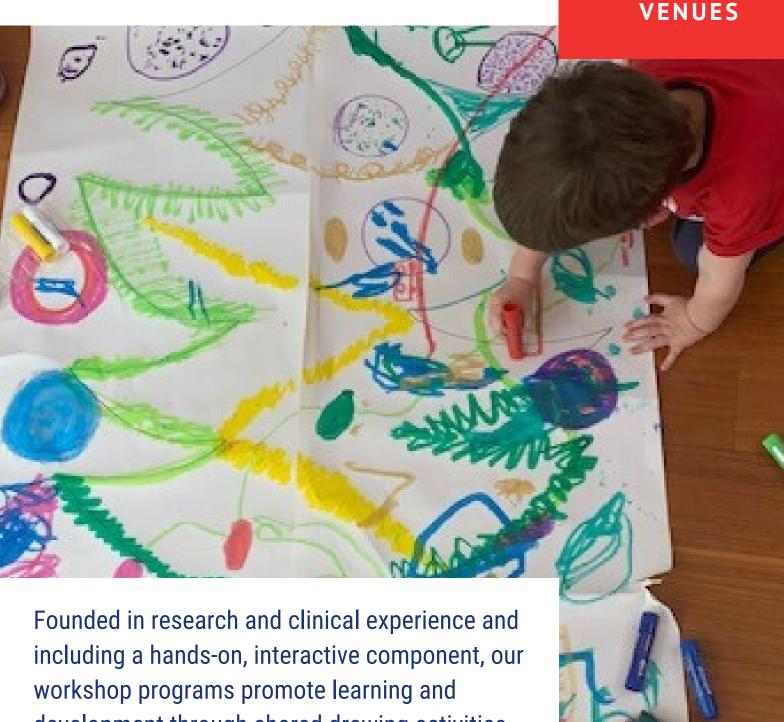
### SQUIGGLE KIDS

Drawing to Learn and Learning to Draw workshop programs

INFORMATION **FOR** 



development through shared drawing activities for families with children up to 6 years of age



Research points to the importance of drawing for child development and school readiness.\*

Drawing is both a precursor to writing (a series of drawing patterns) and a communication tool for a child's expression of ideas and identity.

Drawing helps children to develop the fine motor skills they need to write, as well as visual skills and memory skills, which are also used for handwriting.

Done with an engaged adult, drawing also presents a wonderful opportunity to bond, for fun and play with a child, for language development and to teach a child about the world (colours, shapes, emotions).

#### **ABOUT US**

Lauren Gardiner is a mum of three and children's author.

Debbie Isaac is a Paediatric Occupational Therapist (also a mum of three). Debbie has had a long interest in drawing and uses drawing in her therapeutic work with children. Squiggle Kids Learning to Draw and Drawing to Learn programs:

- encourage drawing as a shared activity between adult and child
- help adults appreciate and engage with a child's drawings
- demonstrate the typical development of drawing skills in children and match activities and tools to developmental stages
- offer tips and ideas for engaging children in drawing activities, including reluctant drawers
- provide ideas for addressing common problems and help parents extend drawing activities to stimulate their child

\*Reference: MacKenzie, N (2014), Transitions to school and emergent writers, in B. Perry, S. Dockett, and A.Petriwskyj (eds), Transitions to school – International research, policy and practice (89-102). London, UK: Springer, Dordrecht.

# WORKSHOP FORMATS

We offer workshops in two formats:

- SK activity-based workshops for parents/carers and children; and
- SK parent/carer-only workshops.

## SK activity-based workshops

Activity-based workshops for children up to 6 years and their parents/carers (1 hour). Can be presented as a series of workshops, each 1 hours duration.

Each workshop includes:

- a group welcome song
- a parent/carer introduction to the workshop
- a drawing related picture story book
- a group drawing activity
- time for Q&A

# SK parent/carer-only workshops

Information-rich workshops with a hands-on, interactive component (1.5 hours).

In these workshops, research is presented with reference to real-life experiences from parenting and clinical spheres and with reference to original artwork by children.

A hands-on activity demonstrates a number of tips for parents and carers to use, including recommended drawing implements and paper.

In conclusion, further references and resources are recommended.

Squiggle Kids programs include take home materials for participants, including sample drawing tools and handouts with information and exercises to encourage drawing to continue at home

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