



# Colour Their World With Music



## Early Childhood Music A Half Day Workshop for Educators and Carers

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### Why this Workshop was developed

It is widely accepted now that music plays a critical role in the early developmental stage of childhood. The most current research shows that music facilitates brain development, enhances spatial reasoning and motor skill development, and contributes to the emotional, social, and cognitive growth of children. However, many educators and carers in the early childhood arena have expressed a lack of confidence and knowledge as to how to go about providing this crucial element of early childhood education and development.

In this excerpt from the article “What About Early Childhood Music Education” early childhood music specialist Dr Peter de Vries of Monash University states that *“it is essential that this aspect of music education in Australia be addressed, as little is known about the content and practice of early childhood music programs. However, research does tell us that **early childhood teachers do not feel confident about teaching music, believing they lack requisite musical knowledge and skills...**”* and that *“**day care and early childhood programs are often lacking in musical direction, with an absence of planned music lessons.**”*

Dr de Vries goes on to point out that *“In terms of music programs in childcare centres in Australia, **there is little guidance for staff in terms of state or national standards...**”* and that *“**childcare / day care centres in Australia have to provide programs that foster creative and aesthetic development using movement, music and visual-spatial forms of expression. However, there is little guidance from the Council as to how this should occur.**”*

This half day workshop has been specifically designed for those who work in the childcare or family day care environment, or for carers or parents who want to learn more about introducing music to their young charges. The workshop is designed to enable participants to display a greater knowledge of music and to feel a greater confidence when using music with young children.

### Workshop coverage includes:

- benefits of music for the young child
- age appropriate music and movement activities
- how to structure music time activities
- sourcing appropriate musical material
- using different musical genres and traditions
- basic singing and breathing techniques to empower and support the voice

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### Your Workshop Facilitator

Angela Burdett holds a Diploma of Music from the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, and has completed two years postgraduate studies in music.



Angela also holds a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and has over 7 years experience in developing and facilitating workshops and training programs. With over 15 years experience teaching music to all ages Angela currently runs her own successful music studio ‘Soul Singing’ where she teaches voice, guitar and music theory, and conducts regular vocal workshops. Angela is also experienced as a choir director and music group coordinator.

Angela’s experience with early childhood music began when she became a licensed Kindermusik® Educator (an international music and movement program for children between birth and 7 years of age). She went on to develop her own early childhood music program which was delivered in childcare centres and in her own studio. It was during this time, as Angela spoke with childcare workers, parents and carers, it became clear that there was a great need for specialised workshops to assist early childhood educators, carers and parents to feel empowered and confident to provide musical education to their charges. *Early Childhood Music: a Workshop for Educators and Carers* was developed to meet this need.

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