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"TOO LATE AT EIGHT"

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ON PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN YOUNG CHILDREN'S LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

BRISBANE - MAY 15-18, 1979

The purpose of this Conference/Workshop is to focus attention on the need for special measures within and outside the educational setting, prior to and after school commencement, to prevent later learning problems.

The major emphasis of the program is directed towards helping pre-school and primary teachers develop professional competencies in identifying, recognizing, understanding and teaching children within the regular classroom who are experiencing learning difficulties or who are likely to develop problems unless interventions are implemented. The need for regular classroom teachers to possess skills and understanding related to children's learning difficulties has been highlighted in the 1978 report of the Federal Minister's Advisory Council for Special Education

The Conference program will incorporate plenary sessions, research and concern papers and working parties on controversial issues in prevention and intervention. Keynote speakers will include Dr Hal McGrady, formerly Professor of Special Education and Learning Disabilities at North Western University, Chicago; Dr William McBride, the eminent Australian geneticist; Professor Betty Watts, Professor of Special Education at the University of Queensland; Dr R.J. Andrews, Schonell Centre; and Mr G. Ashby, Director of Special Education in Queensland.

A wide range of extended, practical workshops encompassing various aspects of skill and program development along with some mini professional courses will make up a major section of the program. These will give teachers the opportunity to make a concentrated study of particular issues and to acquire practical skills in specific areas of prevention and remediation.

Workshop topics will include:

Classroom Assessment Procedures
Instructional Planning
Prevention and Intervention with
Culturally Different Children
Assessment and Development of Language
Abilities
Early Reading and Maths Problems
Behaviour Management in Different Settings
Helping Parents of Severely Handicapped
Children Develop Intervention Skills

This Conference, "Too Late at Eight" will have relevance for all those professionals concerned with young exceptional children.

REGISTRATION FEE - \$25.00 (Includes publication of papers)

ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION -

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