

## **The rarest of opportunities....**

To celebrate **World Autism Awareness Day**, **ReConnect Autism** are offering one deserving family the opportunity to experience a 6 month RDI Program valued at up to **€4000.00** for FREE in your own home.

**If you have a child with ASD and would like to completely transform your ability to connect with them, then this offer is something you can not afford to miss out on.**

**Why RDI? I'll get to that in a few minutes.**

**First review what the 6 month Program entails.**

### **RDI 6 Month Programme:**

The RDI Program is an opportunity for you to experience RDI and develop your skills in remediating the core symptoms of Autism. This package will not only take you through the RDI 6 week parent education objectives, but will give you a further 20 weeks of direct consultation in your home. This package is guaranteed to have a huge impact on your child's social understanding but also will give you the tools as a parent to continue educating your child.

- All consultations in this program are carried out in your home so that the consultant can build a rapport with the entire family and get a clearer picture of your individual family needs and dynamics. The Program covers:
  - One 2 hour Relationship Development Assessment (RDA) in the first week
  - Eight further 2 hour consultations, working through our parent education programme.
  - The program includes video review and feedback on weekly videos and written work supplied by the family.
  - This program provides for up to 30 mins telephone or Skype consultation per week.

**Online learning, phone calls and we travel to your home -anywhere in Ireland for a consultation.**

- Subscription to the Relationship Development Learning System (RDLS). This is the RDI website that hosts the online RDI curriculum,

video sharing accounts and a variety of further online learning resources, including parent webinars and a video resource library.

- Inclusive of Consultant traveling to your home.

**As you can gather by now our commitment to you is substantial.**

**In return can you be openly committed to the RDI Program?**

### **As promised, description of RDI.....**

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) is a parent-education programme based on the latest research on the brain, developmental psychology and autism.

The focus of the programme is to promote and enhance the child's social and emotional understanding rather than to teach discrete behaviours and skills.

Children on the autism spectrum – and with other neuro-developmental difficulties - miss out on or fail to master many of the early developmental stages that typically-developing children learn effortlessly.

RDI teaches parents to provide treatment that offers their child a second opportunity to master these early developmental stages.

### **The RDI program excels where other programs fail by:**

- **Educating, empowering and valuing parents** to create profound changes in their child.
- Providing a consultative model that puts parents in their rightful role as guides to their children significantly **reduces the cost of treatment**. Parents spend the most time around their children – not therapists! **Parents learn to be the therapist for their child.**
- Using an expansive and revolutionary series of objectives for parents and children, **based on decades of research literature into how children develop through the guidance of their parents**, to systematically move children along the path of typical development.
- **Using quality of life** outcomes, such as meaningful relationships and rewarding employment, **as the primary end goal of treatment** and not a series of discrete skills that become meaningless in real world situations.
- Being based on the **most current research in the fields of autism**, human development, and the neurology.

- Utilising a **balanced treatment planning process** that considers the autism as well as other conditions or obstacles, and **takes the needs of the whole family into account**.
- Allowing families to **live life while treating autism**. Families experience the quality of life they deserve and learn how to make remediation of autism a part of their everyday life. It does not have to separate from everyday life.
- Constantly **evolving to reflect new research and information**, which ensures that the program remains cutting-edge and relevant over time.
- Using an innovative web-based system to provide parents with **continuous access to program information, communication with their consultant, video footage**, and much more on an ongoing basis.

## **RDI has a proven track record of documented success. Yet who am I?**

I have worked with children and adults diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum and their families for 17 years. In 2009, I launched ReConnect Autism Consultancy and Training, which delivers autism consultancy and training services to parents of children on the autism spectrum. Based in Mayo and servicing families nationwide, ReConnect Autism brings the Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) programme to Ireland for the first time. In October 2009, I was awarded with a Social Entrepreneur Ireland Award for my work in bringing the RDI program to Ireland.

Before establishing ReConnect, I worked in the UK, where I founded and managed Gloucestershire Autism Services in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK. The service provided specialist, autism-specific residential, supported living and outreach services for adults and adolescents with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder. GAS provided full time care and support for 20 individuals and outreach services for a further 8 individuals and the service was accredited by The National Autistic Society.

You are most welcome to contact me directly [declan@reconnectautism.org](mailto:declan@reconnectautism.org) for any further discussion otherwise:

**To have the opportunity to win this exclusive offer, all you have to do is complete the following application and either email it to [declan@reconnectautism.org](mailto:declan@reconnectautism.org) or post it to ReConnect Autism, Alicia Lodge, Drumminwonagh, Westport, Co Mayo.**

**Closing date 10/4/11. Applications will be short-listed, followed by a short interview. Then the winner will be contacted directly.**

**Good luck and all the best.**

**Declan Sweeney BSc(Hons) ACE (Autism) – Certified RDI Consultant**

**Please complete application attached below.**

**Application for ReConnect Autism – World Autism Awareness Day Offer**

**Name of Child**

**Date of Birth**

**Child's Gender**

**Birth Order of Child**

**Names of Parent/s / Caregivers**

**Relationship to Child**

**Postal Address**

**Email**

**Telephone**

**Occupation of Parent/s / Caregivers (please state if Part or Full Time)**

**Specifics of Diagnosis (please include any co-occurring conditions)**

**When was your child diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder?**

**What type of treatments / interventions, if any has your child received to date? How successful do you think these have been?**

**How did you first hear about ReConnect Autism?**

**Why would you like incorporate the RDI program into your family life?**

**What benefits do you think the program would bring to your child's life?**

**Name of Person Completing Evaluation**

**Date**

