Sunshine Sign & Sing

CHILDREN'S KEY WORD SIGNING PACK

Designed for Early Learning Services

Acknowledgement of country

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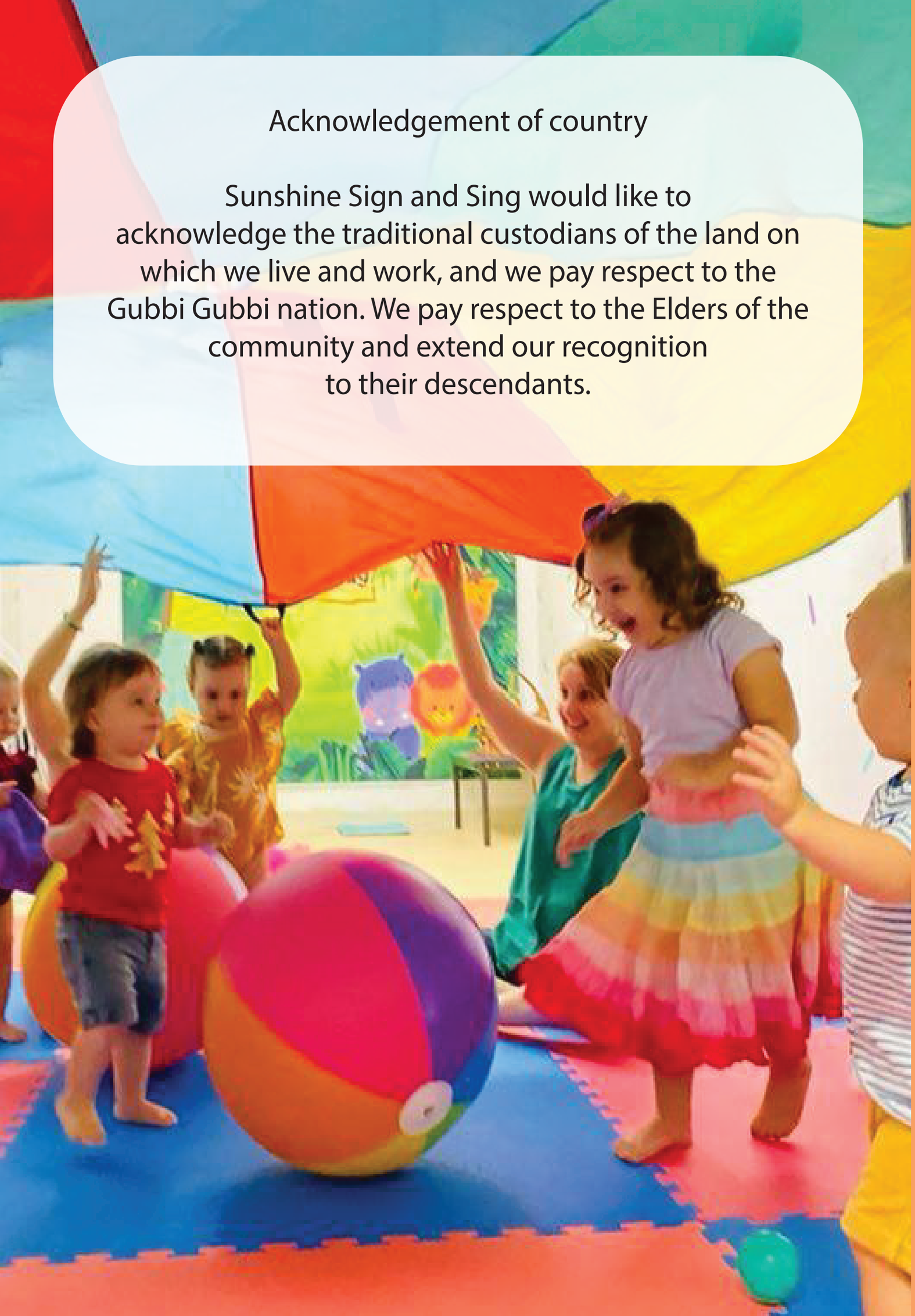

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“Communication is crucial to belonging, being and becoming.”

The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia

AIM OF CHILDREN’S KEY WORD SIGNING PACK

Children’s Key word signing (”CKWS”) is an alternative and augmentative communication tool designed to provide children with an alternative way to communicate in line with spoken language.

This pack has been designed to:

- provide your centre the skills and tools to seamlessly integrate CKWS into your daily activities;

- ensure your children’s learning and development of CKWS can continue in the home through providing families with access to the signs and tools

OUTLINE OF THE CHILDREN’S KEY WORD SIGN PACK

Research has shown that in order for CKWS to be fully adopted a multi-faceted approach is required to create a comprehensive signing environment where all parties feel comfortable enough to use CKWS.

Therefore this pack was designed to focus on:

- Upskilling Educators in CKWS
- Enhancing the physical environment
- Including signs in daily activities
- Encouraging signing at home

This pack achieves this through:

- TRAINING (page 3)

2 x 1 hour 30 minute sessions

- PHYSICAL PRODUCTS (page 4)

Flashcards, Lanyard cards, Posters, Children’s story, song and sign books

- DIGITAL RESOURCES (page 5)

Signing tutorials for individual signs and songs, sign-a-long song videos

- PARENTAL PORTAL (page 6)

Digital resource for parents

- FOLLOW UP SUPPORT

For more information on these resources please turn to the referenced pages.

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S KEY WORD SIGNING?

Key word signing (previously known as MAKATON) is an alternative and augmentative communication tool designed to provide children with an alternative or additional way to communicate.

CKWS uses signs (borrowed from Australian Sign Language 'Auslan'), gestures and facial expressions alongside speech to support development and use of functional communication.

In this simplified form of signing, only key words of a sentence are signed, which makes it both easier for the child and carer to do and understand.

HOW CHILDREN'S KEY WORD ASSISTS BELONGING, BEING AND BECOMING

Oral language and Communication

CKWS provides children at your service with the opportunity to be understood through both non-verbal and verbal communication.

Research has shown that the use of signing encourages oral language development, with studies finding children who used signing had larger vocabularies than their non-signing peers.

Physicality

When children start to learn and practice signs at your service they will be constantly moving their hands and attempting hand shapes and movements.This is excellent for their finger dexerity and finger isolation skills.

Access and Inclusion

CKWS will have benefits for all children within your service. It is especially helpful to those that struggle with oral communication due to a variety of issues including autism, down's syndrome, dyspraxia, other neuro- diversities that may affect speech, selective mutism, tongue tie, anxiety and shyness.

By adopting CKWS families will be assured that you have all children's wellbeing as a priority.

Social and Emotional Capability

Through creating an environment that allows children to easily express themselves you will see proven benefits including improved self-confidence, reduced frustration and meltdowns.

Research has also shown that using key word signing in an early learning setting improves bonding between Educators and their children.

With all children learning to sign you will enhance their capability for peer-to-peer relations. This improved bonding with significant adult relations and peer-to-peer relations is essential for social and emotional wellbeing.

Thinking and Responding

CKWS encourages children to recognise verbal and non-verbal stimuli (including sign) and process this information to make meaning linked to their current knowledge and experience.

Overall CKWS is fundemental to many of the areas of learning contained in the Early Years Learning Framework.

CKWS TRAINING

For a Service to begin the journey of integrated Children's key word signing ('CKWS') Educators:

- Need to understand the benefits of CKWS;
- Know how to integrate it into their daily activities at the Service; and
- Gain confidence in using signing.

The training is in two parts:

TRAINING: PART 1

1 hour 30 minute training for up to 10 Educators or service staff and includes:

- Introduction to key word signing
- Benefits of key word signing
- Teaching and practicing signs included in package
- Creating a signing environment
- Digital resources walkthrough, including songs and parental portal

On completion participants receive a hard copy attendance certificate

All Training is via live online video but may be in person on request.

TRAINING: PART 2

1 hour 30 minute training for up to 10 Educators or service staff and includes:

- Recap of part 1 training
- Recap signs
- Discuss and overcome signing obstacles
- Revisit digital resources and discuss any issues
- Further implications of signing

SUPPORT

To ensure you all feel confident using CKWS we will complete follow ups either in person, video call or telephone to answer any questions, overcome any issues and assist with any CKWS needs you have.

These are undertaken at 3 and 6 months after the initial training.

PHYSICAL PRODUCTS

A2 ‘EVERYDAY’ SIGN POSTER

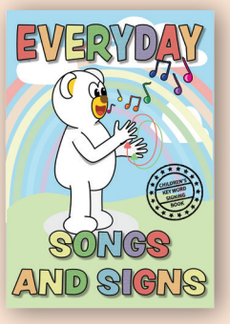
Contains 24 signs for words that are commonly used within an Early Learning setting.

FLASHCARDS

24 ‘Everyday’ flashcards. The cards are wipeable, waterproof and tearproof and on a hinged ring for ease of use.

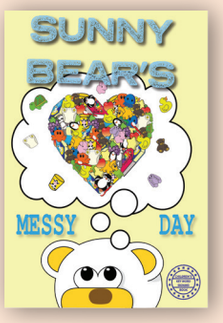
SONG AND SIGN BOOK

A4 book containing 10 songs including nursery rhymes and songs intergratong common key word signs.



CHILDREN’S STORY BOOK

A4 book containing bright, simple story with associated key word signs.



LANDYARD FLASHCARDS

Contains 16 useful signs for when Educator’s are on the go with the children. These conveniently sized flashcards are wipeable, washable and tearproof on a hinged ring.

DIGITAL PRODUCTS

DIGITAL PRODUCTS FOR SERVICES

On the purchase of the CKWS pack, your Service will be provided with a login and temporary password to access your online services. This login will give you access to the Service's online portal which includes:

INFORMATION OF CKWS

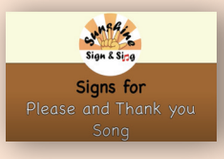
This resource allows your Educator's to refresh themselves on the information learnt in training, and provides them the tools to champion CKWS at your Service.

SIGN TUTORIALS *

Video tutorials for the everyday and lanyard flashcards.

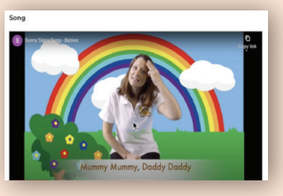
SONG TUTORIALS

Comprehensive video tutorials for all 10 songs in the sing-and-sign book



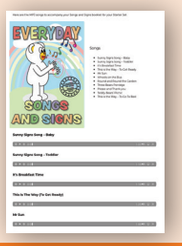
SONG VIDEOS

Colourful videos of the 10 songs being sung and signed



MUSIC TRACKS

MP3s of all the songs contained in the song-and-sign book.



SIGNED STORY BOOK

Video of the children's story book being signed.

*access to online services is based on an annual subscription

DIGITAL PRODUCTS

DIGITAL PRODUCTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The CKWS pack includest separate digital resources for the parents and carers of your Service. This resource has been designed to encourage parents and carers to take an active interest in CKWS and encourages them to take steps to implement CKWS in the family setting.

While we accept it is often difficult to motivate parents and carers in such activities, it will, at the very minimum, give them access to the signs so they will be able to intepret any signs the children at your service may start to use at home.

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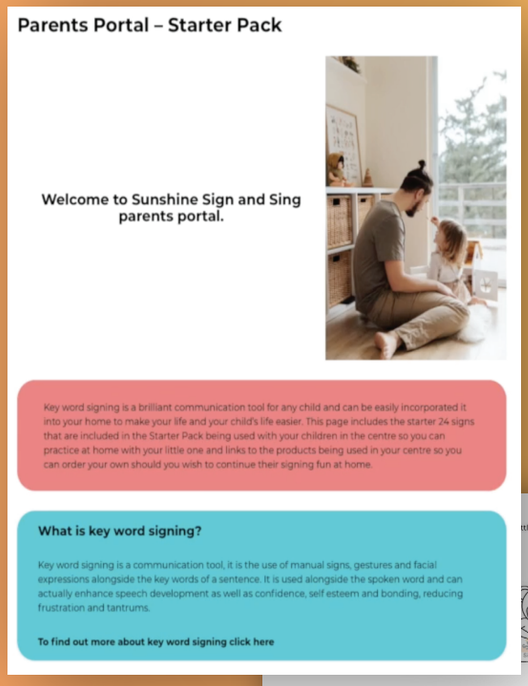

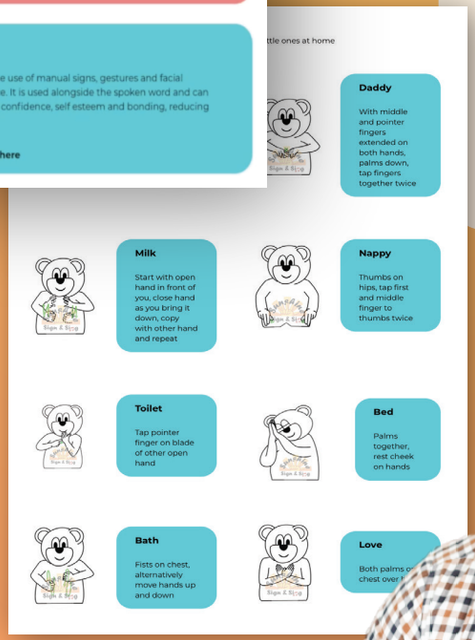

- Information on CKWS
- Benefits of CKWS
- Visual pictures of all signs being used within your Service
- Detailed instructions on how to do each of the signs being used within your Service
- Printable resources
- Information on the resources being used at your Service

PRICE LIST

CHILDREN'S KEY WORD SIGNING PACK

This pack is inclusive of the following training and resources:

TRAINING

2 x 1hour 30 minutes sessions* for up to 10 Educators or Service staff including:

- What is CKWS?
- Benefits of CKWS
- Teaching and practicing of signs
- Creating a signing environment

DIGITAL PRODUCTS PARENTS AND CARERS

- Information of CKWS
- Visual pictures of signs
- Description of signs
- Printable resources

SUPPORT

- 3 month follow up
- 6 month follow up
- Sunshine Sign and SIng will be available for any other support and assistance

PHYSICAL PRODUCTS

- A2 poster with 24 Everyday signs
- A6 waterproof, tearproof flashcards
- A4 Song-and-Sign book - 10 songs
- A4 Children's story book with signs
- 10 x lanyard cards with 16 signs

DIGITAL PRODUCTS SERVICES

- Information of CKWS
- Sign Tutorials
- Signed Story Book
- Song Tutorials
- Song Videos
- MP3s of songs

TOTAL

$1,300

*for in person training please include $60 per hour travel time

EXTRAS

PHYSICAL PRODUCTS

To create a signing environment we recommend 1 physical product pack per room at the service.

- A2 poster with 24 Everyday signs
- A6 waterproof, tearproof flashcards
- A4 Song-and-Sign book - 10 songs
- A4 Children's story book with signs

$210
purchased with pack - 25% discount
$157.50

TRAINING

The CKWS pack covers up to 10 persons for the training, above this the following costs apply:

80 pp

group of 5 $320

For each participant this cost covers:

- Both training sessions
- Hardcopy certificate on completion
- Lanyard flashcards

THEMED PACKS

Themed packs can be purchased individually, with themes including farm, underwater and Australian Animals. Packs include:

- A6 waterproof, tearproof flashcards
- A4 Song-and-Sign book - 6 songs
- A4 Children's story book with signs
- A2 Poster
- Digital resources with instructional sign videos, songs and story

$290
purchased with pack - 25% discount
$217.50

CUSTOMISED

Sunshine Sign and Sing are able to create customised products and services for your specific situation.

If you would like further information on what we can provide pleease contact us.

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