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Engaging effectively in essential conversations with parents and carers

Thursday 24 October 2024, 9.30am-3.30pm | **In person attendance**

Professional learning for all teachers and school leaders Years K-12



This in-person workshop invites participants to build on their conversational style when talking to parents and carers.

This workshop is underpinned by the work of educationalists Gilligan and Nodding's paradigm of the 'ethic of care.' It will introduce participants to an ethic-informed conversational style.

This conversational style is designed to promote confidence and skills in turning complex interactions into opportunities for communication to deepen the working relationship between schools, parents, and carers.

This workshop will enable you to:

- Plan and prepare for essential conversations.
- Use ethic-informed language to communicate effectively during an emotionally charged conversation.
- Increase your confidence and skills in having essential conversations while maintaining meaningful relationships with parents and caregivers.

The information and discussions in this workshop will be valuable for all teachers, school leaders and principals from Kindergarten to Year 12.

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Presenter

Mary Jo Mc Veigh, Cara House, and Sydney School of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney

Mary Jo McVeigh has worked as a social worker in child protection and trauma nationally and internationally for forty years. She received the Order of Australia Medal in 2019 for service to her community in this role, and was the recipient of the AASW social worker of the year award in 2022.

Mary Jo founded Cara House, a therapy and training centre in 1998 and CaraCare, a community and group work charity for children, in 2012. She has provided supervision to staff, volunteers, and students in both these organisations and is sought by government, and non-government organisations for expert consultation. She has published multiple books and journal articles on aspects of therapeutic intervention with children and young people.

Mary Jo was part of the Social Work Field Education program at the University of Sydney last year and continues to teach in social work at the Sydney School of Education and Social Work. She also provides training in her field of expertise both nationally and internationally.

Registration

Fees: \$330 per person (GST Incl). Includes full-day in-person workshop, catering and resources.

Location: Education Building, Manning Road, The University of Sydney.

Register online at: [Engaging effectively in essential conversations with parents and carers](#) or visit the Professional Learning 2024 Calendar at <https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/study/continuing-professional-development/professional-learning-calendar.html> and follow the calendar links.