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**'Knowledge Bites' Series – 2019**

# **Working with High Risk Infants**

*Presented by*  
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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Want to know about best practice with high risk infants?  
Need an edge to your practice with infants and babies?  
Need to refresh and stay up with the play?

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**Hear from an expert in the field**  
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If you are an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist, in a Visiting Therapist role or otherwise, a Speech Language Therapist or a Registered Nurse and you work with infants and babies ...

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***This course is for you!!***  
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## **Course Description**

This one-day course is designed for practitioners working with infants and their parents/carers who wish to learn more about infant behaviour, trauma-informed care, maximising developmental outcomes and nurturing infant resilience through enriching infant-parent relationships.

Danielle will draw from her *wealth of experience*, including some key frameworks that support early intervention such as EI SMART, Systems Theory, Synactive Theory, Neonatal Behavioural Assessment, Newborn Behavioural Observation and the AMOR System. The brain's most primitive role is to ensure survival. Infants respond to perceived or actual threats that trigger chemical, structural and behavioural changes, regardless of intention or medical necessity. These excessive and repeated exposures to pain-related stress may alter development, for instance in the SCBU/NICU environment. Parents whose infants are in SCBU or hospitalised for prolonged periods have a higher risk for mental health challenges including, anxiety and depression, that may impact on the infant's cognitive, behavioural and emotional development. *Research* highlights the critical importance of mutually responsive interactions between infants and their parents/carers. Attending to and building parents/carers' capabilities, who care for and support children, to provide responsive, positive, warm and sensitive parenting/relationships can nurture the development of infant resilience; associated with *better developmental outcomes*.

**Venue:** St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St,  
Ponsonby, Auckland

**Time:** 9.30 am – 4.00 pm Cost: \$375 incl GST  
*Early Bird ends 31st December 2018*

### ***About our Presenter:***



Danielle graduated in 1996 as an occupational therapist and has worked in the UK and NZ. She is a highly skilled and respected therapist in the field and is an Executive member of the Infant Mental Health Association Aotearoa NZ. Danielle has over 10 years' experience working with high risk infants in SCBU and is a certificated Brazelton NBAS Trainer, NBO Trainer and Bobath/NDT Tutor. She is also trained in the Precht! General Movement Assessment and has completed post-graduate papers on infant mental health.