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Foundational Skills Assessment Professional Learning
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What is the Foundational Skills Assessment?

Originally developed in 2020 and now used in many schools with over 90 schools having received the full training across Western Australia, Northern Territory and South Australia. The Foundational Skills Assessment focuses on building students' capacity to become effective learners through 36 sequential skill areas. These skills are essential for supporting engagement with the curriculum by developing cognitive, adaptive, and social learning readiness.

Program Overview

Day 1: Assessment Focus

- Introduction to the 36 skill areas
- Why foundational skills matter for lifelong learning
- Standard & AAC assessment versions
- Scope and Sequence
- Creating IEP goals aligned with assessment data

Day 2: Explicit Teaching Focus

- The Ten Tenets of Excellent Classrooms
 - Strategies for explicitly teaching foundational skills
 - Classroom setup for success
 - Using data effectively
 - Behaviour Analytic Explicit Teaching:
 - Reinforcement
 - Token Economies
 - Prompting
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Included Resources

- ✓ Two assessment versions (Standard & AAC)
 - ✓ Literacy and Numeracy IEP goal banks linked to ABLEWA
 - ✓ "Teaching for Impact" overview and materials
 - ✓ Detailed scope and sequence for all 36 skills
 - ✓ Physical Adjustments Appendix
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Who Should Attend?

- Individuals interested in a range of assessment tools.
 - New schools considering implementation
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