



Clare Best

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
FOR EDUCATORS**

PACKAGES +
COURSES

Hi. I'm Clare!

EXPERIENCED TEACHER OF THE DEAF +
PARENT OF A DEAF CHILD

With over **15 years experience in the bilingual Deaf Education space** and my own lived experience raising a deaf child – I bring an unmatched combination of expertise, compassion and drive to every project I engage in.

I **understand both the educator and parent lenses** and keep both firmly at the forefront in order to guide teams and families collaboratively and effectively. Through my platform, **Raising Bilinguals**, I support others in dismantling outdated narratives and championing bilingualism, true access and equity for all deaf and hard of hearing children. I take pride in my ability to blend deep insight with story-driven speaking that both educates and uplifts my audience.

I am unwaveringly committed to creating better futures for these brilliant children who are too often underestimated and left to simply survive, instead of thrive. ***It's time we shifted that narrative – together.***



WHAT'S COVERED

These sessions are built to give your team confidence, clarity, and simple strategies they can use immediately.



- ✓ **Understanding Deafness & Functional Impact**
How hearing loss really plays out in day-to-day learning, communication, attention, behaviour, and social development.
- ✓ **Communication Supports (Auslan + English)**
Practical, high-yield, visual strategies for supporting children with varying communication preferences and pathways
- ✓ **Educational & Pedagogical Adjustments**
How to adapt routines, play, literacy activities, group times and transitions to maximise access and ensure best practice in any setting
- ✓ **Curriculum alignment and support**
Supporting teams to align programs and curriculum content with individual students and their needs / learning requirements
- ✓ **Support with whole school implementation of key initiatives**
Building an inclusive whole school/centre culture with embedded initiatives that focus on big impact and sustainability for the team
- ✓ **Vocabulary & Early Literacy Development**
Simple, meaningful ways to build rich conceptual knowledge, vocabulary and early reading / phonics skills (including for Auslan-first children)
- ✓ **Environmental & Acoustic Adjustments**
Setting up the room for success: layout, noise management, visual positioning, lighting and simple tweaks that make a huge difference!
- ✓ **Hearing Technology 101**
An easy-to-digest overview of cochlear implants, hearing aids and assistive tech (like Roger), plus practical troubleshooting and everyday management.
- ✓ **Partnering with Families & Specialists**
How to work collaboratively with parents, Teachers of the Deaf, Educational Interpreters, Auslan Language Models, and other professionals to ensure consistent support across home and school.

Need something specific? Email the RB team, to discuss how Clare can tailor her training to your group's specific requirements and schedule.

TRAINING AND PACKAGES



TIER 1: ESSENTIALS PACKAGE (1.5 HOURS) | UP TO 8 ATTENDEES

FEE STARTS AT \$750 + GST

Fast, clear, practical learning for busy teams.

Includes:

- 1-hour live or virtual training
- Core content + Q&A
- Summary handout
- Clear links to EYLF and/or AC

Best for:

- ✓ Orientation, new enrolments or onboarding new staff.

TIER 2: DEEP-DIVE TRAINING PACKAGE (2.5 HOURS) | UP TO 10 ATTENDEES

FEE STARTS AT \$1900 AUD + GST

More time, more strategies, more hands-on clarity.



Includes:

- 2-hour on-site or virtual session
- Full Tier 1 content plus:
- Custom Resource Pack:
 - Literacy + vocabulary development tools
 - Pedagogical templates and cheat sheets
 - Acoustic Environmental Audit
 - Technology support + infographics
 - Explicit mapping to EY Framework / Aus Curriculum framework
- 30-minute follow-up virtual call

Best for:

- ✓ Teams ready to dive deeper and those needing practical tools they can use immediately with a child starting or already enrolled.

TIER 3: HALF-DAY ON-SITE PD (3.5-4 HOURS) | UP TO 15 ATTENDEES

FEE STARTS AT \$3500 AUD + GST

Hands-on, contextual, and tailored to your setting.

Includes:

- Comprehensive on-site training
- Classroom walk-through
- Environmental/acoustic audit
- Strategy modelling with staff
- Behaviour support and co-regulation planning
- Literacy intervention guidance (phonics adaptation, Auslan layering, comprehension skills)

- Customised staff action plan
- 7 days priority email support
- Full curriculum alignment documentation

Best for:

- Centres or schools wanting deep, sustainable change and hands-on implementation support.

NOTE: Training packages can be split between NDIS funding (for direct support staff) and centre/school operational budgets (for additional professional development attendees). **Additional attendees beyond the specified cap: \$75pp**

Testimonials

"Clare Best is a powerhouse—bringing both professional expertise and lived experience. Her advice is clear, practical, and empowering. After her workshop with Auckland Parents of Deaf Children, we saw a wave of parents advocating more confidently. We can't wait to have her back!"

**Willa Hand,
President of APODC**

"Clare brings the passion and perspective of a parent as well as the expertise of a professional. She really is the perfect combination that allows her to empathize with parents but also provide helpful support! Take advantage of her fantastic wisdom and become empowered!"

**Laura Moritz - Gentry
Education Foundation, USA**

"She has been able to shift some of my mental barriers and gave me lots of practical tips for before, during and after advocacy meetings/conversations. So humble and grateful that I am raising a deaf child right now, and get to immerse myself into everything Clare puts out there"

**Lauren - parent of a
deaf child**

"Clare excels at breaking down complex situations into simple, relatable terms. Her passion shines through, making you feel heard and understood"

**Nicole - parent of a
deaf child**





WHO I WORK WITH

- National and international NGOs
- Parent-led advocacy groups
- Schools and early childhood centres
- Disability and inclusion organisations + conferences
- Education-focused government bodies
- Education professional development networks & organisations

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Real, raw, and deeply human storytelling
- Evidence-informed, expert strategies with practical applications
- A call to action grounded in innovation and 'moving the needle' energy
- Connection, humour, and deeply felt impact
- Lived experience as a mother raising a Deaf child



[LET'S CONNECT](#)

[EMAIL ME](#)

I am committed to approaching every engagement with heart, clarity, and a strong commitment to creating systems where deaf children and families thrive.

Based on the Gold Coast, QLD |
Available globally.

Clare x