



Gifted Families Support Group Inc.  
and  
Australian Gifted Support Centre  
*proudly present:*



# Dr. Linda Silverman

**Monday 9th September 7:00pm to 9:30pm**

**Bankstown Sports Club. Level 1 Function Room. 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown NSW**

## *Giftedness 101*

What is giftedness? Is it the potential for success? Shouldn't everyone have an equal opportunity to be successful? When we equate giftedness with the potential for noteworthy achievement in adult life, we create an inequitable criterion for children of colour, children who are economically disadvantaged, and females. Giftedness is colour-blind, is found in equal proportions in males and females, and is distributed across all socio-economic levels. There are many more gifted children in the world living in poverty than those who are wealthy.

Giftedness is a psychological reality; it involves developmental differences in abstract reasoning, emotional sensitivity and intensity; it is the experience of being an outsider; it can be observed in very young children; it can be documented on measures of general intelligence; it is lifelong; it creates qualitatively different life experiences; it leads to a set of issues unique to this group, making them vulnerable; it indicates significantly different needs from the norm; and it requires early identification, intervention and accommodations to assure healthy development.

### EARLY BIRD PRICES: (until 19.08.13)

GFSG Inc. member: \$55

Non member: \$70

### GENERAL ADMISSION:

GFSG Inc. member: \$65

Non Member: \$80

For bookings visit

<http://NSWSilverman2013.eventbrite.com/>

Registration from 6.30pm. Tea and coffee included.

Dr. Silverman will have copies of 'Upside Down Brilliance' and 'Giftedness 101' for sale. Purchase your copy and have it signed from 6:15pm to 6:45pm.

**Bankstown Sports Club has underground parking for 2500 cars, several dining options and Travelodge for overnight stay.**



Linda Kreger Silverman, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist. She founded the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development, and its subsidiaries, Gifted Development Centre (GDC) and Visual-Spatial Resource in Denver, Colorado. In the last 33 years, she has studied 6,000 children who have been assessed at GDC, the largest data bank on this population. This research enabled the creation of extended norms on the WISC-IV and WPPSI-IV. Her Ph.D. is in educational psychology and special education from the University of Southern California. For nine years, she served on the faculty of the University of Denver in counseling psychology and gifted education. She has been studying the psychology and education of the gifted since 1961 and has written over 300 articles, chapters and books, including *Counseling the Gifted and Talented*, *Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner* and *Advanced Development: A Collection of Works on Gifted Adults*. Her latest book, *Giftedness 101*, was released in 2012 (New York: Springer).

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