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Nicole Kingston is a psychologist specialising in the field of Autism. In 1997, during her Honours year at the University of Tasmania, she co-founded a business called ABA KIDZ, offering support and therapy to autistic children and their families. Her client base grew throughout Tasmania and she received wide publicity from newspaper, radio and television journalists, including a feature story on Channel Nine's *A Current Affair*. In 1999, she travelled to Norway on a scholarship to study for three months with leading experts in the field. She continued ABA KIDZ until 2002, when she established ACE (Autistic Children's Education) Early Intervention Services, as sole proprietor. She employs ten people and supports upwards of sixty families, some of whom have moved interstate. She was a finalist in the Young Australian of the Year Awards for three consecutive years and the only Tasmanian to address the International Autism Conference in Melbourne in 2002.