



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Special Education Services

Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy in School-Based Practice
2019 Continuing Education Day – Promoting Best Practice in Orange County Public Schools

Sensory AND Behavior
A Comprehensive Approach to Address Challenging Behaviors
Agenda April 9, 2019

8:00 Introduction

8:15 Review of Sensory Modulation Theory

- Sensory Continuum
- Neurochemicals involved in sensory modulation
- Sensory vs. Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety, ADHD and more

Addressing Behaviors from a Sensory Perspective

- Behavior analysis from a sensory frame of reference
- Pro-active vs. re-active intervention
- Case-studies
- Using sensory diets to address difficult behaviors
- Research supporting the use of sensory strategies

10:15 Break

10:30 Whole-Brain Approach to Behavior Management in Students with Sensory Processing Issues

- Addressing behaviors from sensory, cognitive, and behavioral standpoints
- Overview of current cognitive approaches to behavior management
- Overview of current behavioral approaches to behavior management
- Integrating BrainWorks with other current, research-based approaches

11:15 Lunch

12:30 OTAC-CPTA OT PT School Credential Update / Evaluation in Ayres SI (EASI) Normative Data

12:45 Case Studies: Using a Whole-Brain Approach to Address Difficult Behaviors

Self-Injurious Behavior, Aggression

2:00 Break

2:15 Case Studies Continued

Masturbation, Rigidity/inflexibility, Meltdowns

3:30 Group Problem-Solving

4:00 Course Evaluation / Certificate of Attendance

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Learning Objectives

1. Identify the roles of neurochemicals in sensory processing and related diagnoses.
2. Utilize a method of behavior analysis to develop a comprehensive treatment plan.
3. Develop a whole-brain approach to management of difficult behaviors.
4. Consider ways to use a sensory frame of reference with a cognitive and behavioral approach.
5. Collaborate with other professionals to develop a plan to address challenging behaviors.