

Supporting Infant and Child Development Through Sensory Integration

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Presenters:

Mary Singer, MS, OTR/L has over 40 years of experience as an occupational therapist. Mary specializes in the evaluation and treatment of babies and preschoolers with developmental delay, sensory modulation disorder, dysfunction of sensory integration and autistic spectrum diagnosis. She is certified in the administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests and the use of the Ayres Sensory Integration® intervention approach. She has extensive expertise in diverse areas of pediatric occupational therapy, from the hospital neonatal intensive care unit, to private practice with infants, toddlers and school aged children. Mary is co-author of the website & blog *Passporttofunction.com*, developed to educate parents in ways to use the local park to support their children's learning and development. She is co-creator of the *Clinical Observations at the Park Tool & Baby SOS: Sleep Solutions Based on Your Baby's Sensory Personality*. She co-authored the chapter on Children and Youth in *Practical Applications for the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards*

Susanne Smith Roley OTD is an occupational therapist with over 40 years of experience in pediatric practice, specializing in child development, sensory integration, learning difficulties, visual impairment, and autism. She obtained her BS in OT at Indiana University, her MS in Allied Health Sciences at Boston University and her doctorate in occupational therapy (OTD) at the University of Southern California. Susanne is in private practice in Orange County, California providing evaluation and consultation services to children and families. She was certified in sensory integration in 1977, studied under Dr. A. Jean Ayres, co-founded and then directed the USC/WPS sensory integration certificate program for 14 years. She is currently the co-founder of the nonprofit organization, Collaborative for Leadership in Sensory Integration (CLASI), providing a sensory integration certificate education program, offered in many countries around the world. She is a past chair of the Commission on Practice and the Sensory Integration Special Interest Section for AOTA and a contributing author of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework Domain and Process, 2002 and 2008. She is an internationally recognized author and lecturer and co-editor of the books, *Understanding the Nature of Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations* and *Sensory Integration: Applying Clinical Reasoning to Diverse Populations*. She co-authored the chapter on Children and Youth in *Practical Applications for the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards*. She is a fellow of the AOTA and recipient of the AOTF Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence and AOTF A. Jean Ayres Award.

Aja Roley MA, OTR/L is a licensed Occupational Therapist who received her Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. She is currently enrolled in the clinical doctorate program in occupational therapy at Thomas Jefferson University. She obtained her postgraduate certificate in sensory integration including the administration and interpretation of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests through USC/WPS. She works in school-based and private practice specializing in pediatrics including infants and children with learning and behavior difficulties, autism, developmental delays, attention deficit disorder, visual impairment and blindness, and sensory integration and praxis deficits. She works collaboratively with children and their families to promote optimal skill development that can translate into success in school, home, and community settings.