## Outline

### The Neuroscience Behind Self-Regulation

A look at sensory-motor pathways

Brain dissection video: The emotional brain and its connection to executive functioning

Neurological dysfunction: Hyper-activity, hypo-activity, aggressiveness, selfstimulatory, and inattentiveness

### Neuro and Sensory Integration: Linking to Behaviors

Breaking down self-regulation: Sensory, cognition and emotions

Self-regulation effects on behavior: Flapping, inflexibility, rigidity, lack of inhibition, poor social skills, risk taking

The power of the autonomic nervous system and its connection to behavior (ie. stress, fear and primitive reflexes)

The power of primitive reflexes and how they impede on function

Tools and strategies for assessing primitive reflexes

### Video Case Study Analyzation: Aligning Symptoms and Characteristics with Appropriate Interventions

ADHD: Diagnosis and current treatment strategies

Autism: Diagnosis and DSM-5® updates

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD):

Sensory modulation disorder

Sensory-based motor disorder

Sensory discrimination disorder

# Self-Regulation Techniques and the Vagus Nerve Connection

Communication strategies that provide control: Symbolic and non-verbal

Self-management and behavioral strategies:
Behavioral contracts, checklist for tracking behaviors, video modeling

Addressing picky eating and poor sleep habits: Desensitizing and non-threatening activities

Music as a technique to initiate sensorial stimuli, calming and attentiveness

New interventions for vestibular, proprioceptive, auditory, smell and vision work

# Apply Neuroscience to Interventions: Hands-on Activities

Neurological connection of current programs such as Brain Gym®, sensory diets, and MeMoves™, just to name a few!

Integrate a mindfulness program for selfregulation

Address primitive reflexes and improve social participation and age appropriate behaviors

Tool to assess child's arousal levels to be used for daily schedules and to organize daily interventions

### Treatment Planning: Video Case Examples of Children Displaying Challenging Social, Eating and Sleeping Behaviors

Perform a virtual evaluation
Develop a treatment plan

Goal development

Re-assessment: When is it needed and when to discharge

#### **Psychoeducation for Client and Parents**

Evidence-based intervention and techniques to address challenges with self-regulation

Address psychosocial concerns and experiences of caregivers of children with self-regulation challenges

Communicate methods to address reciprocal regulation between the child and caregiver to address the influences and interaction each have

### Live Seminar Schedule - both days

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea8:00 Program begins11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)4:00 Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

# Objectives.

- 1. Summarize the neuroscientific research related to self-regulation and sensory processing in kids diagnosed with Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, and ADHD.
- 2. Differentiate between the characteristics of sensory processing disorder, ADHD and autism and articulate how the neurological processes of each disorder coincide with one another.
- 3. Apply neurological approaches that tap into the central, autonomic, and enteric nervous systems to improve clinical intervention techniques.
- 4. Examine the role of primitive reflexes and how they support or impede client functioning.
- 5. Evaluate the relationship between the autonomic nervous system and behavior in clients.
- 6. Determine the neurological responses aligned with intervention techniques to further enhance treatment planning.
- 7. Develop appropriate clinical interventions for challenging behaviors in clients, such as hyper-activity, hypoactivity, aggressiveness, self-stimulation and inattentiveness.
- 8. Implement music as a technique to initiate sensorial stimuli, calming and attentiveness in clients.
- 9. Integrate a comprehensive mindfulness program to improve self-regulation in clients.
- 10. Utilize role play activities to assess levels of arousal among clients.
- 11. Develop a comprehensive treatment plan that addresses a variety of clinical concerns, including social skills deficits, picky eating and sleeping issues.
- 12. Implement strategies to address reciprocal regulation between the child and caregiver in order to improve clinical outcomes.

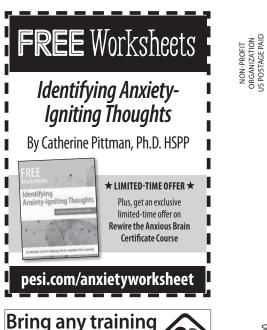
**Maria Slavin, MS, OTR/L,** has over 15 years of experience as an occupational therapist providing social skills therapy and individual sensory processing/fine motor therapy to children and adults with behavioral health diagnoses such as autism, ADHD and anxiety disorders. She spent the last eight years specializing in social skills and self-regulation. Ms. Slavin has worked with children and families across a variety of OT settings including early intervention, hospital, school and private practice. She is the founder and president of In-Sync and Social, LLC, an occupational therapy-based social skills program for children and adults with behavioral health diagnoses who often exhibit sensory systems that are imbalanced or not 'in-sync'.

Ms. Slavin presents nationally to a wide range of audiences including special education attorneys, teachers, parents and occupational therapy students on various OT related topics. She served on multi-disciplinary diagnostic and IEP teams and is an adjunct instructor at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She served as the director of COLLAGE Occupational Therapy Programs, a well-respected social skills program in the Philadelphia area. During her time with COLLAGE, Ms. Slavin formed partnerships with well-known organizations such as the YMCA and Please Touch Museum to make social skills therapy more accessible to the community.

In 2013 her private practice was voted best services for kids with special needs by Main Line Parent magazine which has a large audience in and around the suburbs of Philadelphia and the Main Line. In-Sync and Social continues to expand with great success and in addition to outpatient services is an OT provider and consultant to public and private schools. Ms. Slavin is involved in ongoing research on self-regulation and social skills in conjunction with University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

#### Speaker Disclosures:

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You will walk away with neurologically tailored sensory strategies, cutting-edge treatment techniques, and sensory equipment strategies, including, mindfulness, social skill programs, music and movement, and respiratory-based techniques.

On day one, you will learn the underlying neurological components to connect the brain to clinical practice through:

- Brain dissection video wet labs, neuroanatomy, pathways, and function
- Autonomic nervous system and its connection to stress, fear, and primitive
- Video examples of children in a sensory clinic demonstrating positive outcomes when equipment is used appropriately

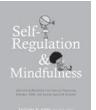
The second day, you will learn how to analyze and apply treatment techniques,

- Activating the vagus nerve and the nervous system for regulation
- Addressing primitive reflexes and improve social skills and age appropriate
- Incorporating a mindfulness program for self-regulation
- Applying your knowledge through the use of video case studies to examine the evaluation process, treatment planning, goal development, and re-assessment of children displaying challenging social, eating, and sleeping

Whether you are an expert on the brain or new to this science, Ms. Slavin makes it easy to understand and easy to implement. You will leave ignited by revelations exposed in Ms. Slavins' presentation!



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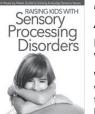


### **Self-Regulation and Mindfulness**

Varleisha Gibbs, PhD, OTD, OTR/L

Nationally known OT, Dr. Varleisha Gibbs has created a ground-breaking resource for addressing self-regulation in children. This workbook is filled with mindfulness techniques, hands-on activities, worksheets, assessments, exercises and coloring pages to engage the child in their own success.

Step-by-step Dr. Gibbs provides you with clear, concise and evidence-based strategies for treating children with sensory processing disorder, autism spectrum disorder, ADHD and similar developmental challenges.



### Raising Kids With Sensory Processing Disorders

A Week-by-Week Guide to Solving Everyday Sensory Issues

Rondalyn Varney Whitney, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA Varleisha Gibbs, PhD, OTD, OTR/L

Whether it's having to remove tags from clothing or using special dimmed lighting when they study, kids with sensory disorders or special sensory needs often need adaptations in their everyday lives in order to find success in school and beyond. Taking a look at the most common sensory issues kids face, Raising Kids with Sensory Processing Disorders offers a compilation of unique, proven strategies parents can implement to help their children move beyond their sensory needs and increase their performance on tasks like homework, field trips, transitions between activities, bedtime, holidays, and interactions with friends. Written by a parent of two children with very different sensory needs, the book shows parents how to characterize their child's sensory issues into one of several profiles that they can then use to find the best adaptations and changes to their everyday routines.



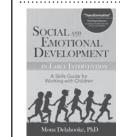
### Sensory-Based In-Session: Strategies, Techniques and Equipment for Children with ASD, SPD, and ADHD

Sensory-Based Varleisha Gibbs, PhD, OTD, OTR/L

Join sensory and self-regulation expert, Varleisha Gibbs, OTD, OTR/L, and discover various sensory strategies, techniques, and equipment to use when working with children with ASD, SPD, and ADHD. The underlying neurological components will be reviewed to connect neuroanatomy to practice.

Through live demonstrations at a sensory clinic, you will learn what types of equipment you should purchase for your clinic as well as their appropriate use, when to use them, and for how long. Video examples of children n a sensory clinic will be used to demonstrate correct versus incorrect methods including how to maneuver the equipment for the sought response as well as what happens when equipment is used incorrectly.

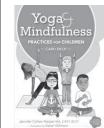
A unique emphasis will be given to the neurological background, in relation to specific treatment techniques. Evidence-based practice will be an integral part of reviewing theories and current treatment techniques. Treatment techniques to be analyzed include: sound-based, movement, and vision-based therapies.



## Social and Emotional Development in Early Intervention

By Mona M. Delahooke, PhD

A groundbreaking resource for the field of early intervention. Illustrated with worksheets, charts and handouts, this reader-friendly book will provide valuable tools to nurture relationships, measure progress, reduce child stress, address challenging behaviors and promote self-regulation.



### Yoga and Mindfulness Practices for Children Card Deck

By Jennifer Cohen Harper, MA, E-RYT, RCYT

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