# Outline

Assess the State of Your School Environment Today Defining the environments of learning Movement and neuroplasticity - identify the crucial connection to learning Technology in the schools - the pros and cons Universal Design and ergonomics in the classroom Surveying the workspace/class space - Checklists and handouts

## Setting the Stage to Optimize a Multi-Sensory Experience

Video demonstration and Learning Lab Recognizing the 8 senses in action Real-time assessment of the classroom Impact of technology Stressors of learning

### STRATEGIES AND THE "HOW-TO"

## **Ergonomic Solutions for Optimal Learning** Environments

Simple DIY tricks for the classroom Seating solutions - tall vs. short, wiggle seats, and more! Reduce clutter and other classroom organization hacks Classroom design ideas that promote executive functioning skills

How to incorporate light and color to promote learning The "20/20/20 Rule" and other ergonomic tips for better endurance and attention

"Common scents" - aromatherapy pointers for the class or student

## "Get Moving": Strategies to Support Active Bodies in the Classroom

"No need to interrupt instruction time" Put the hands back into "hands-on" learning – leave the computer out of this!

# Objectives

- 1. Implement the latest evidence–based research on neuroplasticity and articulate the factors that support increased learning and growth.
- 2. Identify the 8 sensory systems through hands-on sensory learning labs, and utilize sensory strategies that meet students' academic and emotional needs for increased school participation and improved learning outcomes.
- 3. Assess and modify various learning environments, by identifying environmental barriers in the space you work in and establish at least 10 environmental modifications that help support neuroplasticity and more efficient students.

## **Target Audience:**

Occupational Therapists • Occupational Therapy Assistants • Speech-Language Pathologists • Physical Therapists • Educators • Counselors Social Workers • School Psychologists • Marriage and Family Therapists

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"Go-to exercises" for the whole classroom to: Preserve health and wellness Incorporate fun into the day Increase endurance and efficiency Foster movement and reduce dysregulation And more!

## Sensory-Motor Techniques to Improve Classroom Skills: Hands-on lab

Multisensory approach for skill retention Proprioceptive strategies - letter recognition, formation,

sizing and spacing Vestibular and visual connection - reading and notetaking outcomes

Sensory suggestions - executive functioning skills (alerts and visual reminders)

Sensory-based tools to get students engaged – gum chewing, mini-sensory stations and therapy balls.... Visual-motor games and strategies - vision-based school tasks

Group activities to build social learning skills and classroom connection

Low-tech strategies (you don't need an app for everything!)

## **Redesigning the Emotional Culture of the Class:** What is the Language of Your Classroom

Fostering a "growth mindset" Breathing and muscle relaxation techniques Address the stress: "Go-to" mindfulness activities and guided imagery

Language hints and tricks to manage challenging behaviors

- 4. Determine which physical factors hinder or support learning and uncover strategies/ activities that will promote movement and neuroplasticity as a result of these factors.
- 5. Promote wellness in the classroom by pinpointing which educational tools or work behaviors can cause repetitive stress injuries and incorporate exercise routines and environmental modifications which can reduce or prevent injury.
- 6. Examine the role of stress (both physical and mental) on learning and neuroplasticity and identify treatment or classroom activities that reduce stress and promote neuroplasticity.

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7:30 Check-in/Morning Coffee & Tea 8:00 Program begins 11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own) 4:00 Program ends

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You'll learn how neuroplasticity, our sensory system and ergonomics work together to advance learning and academic success! You'll discover how universal design concepts, in both learning and architecture, will foster the right educational climate for all students!

## Then we dive right into:

- Managing common interfering behaviors, like low or high arousal, fidgeting, low self-esteem and sensory defensive behaviors
- Tons of out of-the-box movement and sensory-based activities/strategies to improve reading, handwriting, social, emotional and executive functioning skills
- Handouts and checklists to assess your various school environments
- Practical, low-budget ways to alter your classroom into a sensory-rich, movement-motivating space to support learning, self-regulation and personal health and wellness
- Tackling stress, under-aroused or dysregulated behaviors in students through mindfulness
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- ✓ Surveying the classroom space
- "No need to interrupt instruction time"
- $\checkmark$  Use of time inventory assessing how we spend our time, both student and teacher
- ✓ Ergonomic checklists
- ✓ Quick Tip sheets

## Speaker -

**Justin Lyons**, MS OTR/L, has had over a decade of experience working with children of all ages and all abilities, in school, home, camp and community settings. As an occupational therapist, he has served a multitude of pediatric populations, especially the learning disabled, emotionally disturbed and autistic spectrum populations. He currently works at a premiere special needs school in NYC, where he developed a life-coaching program for pre-teens and teens. Justin has been a presenter at the AOTA conference and both an adjunct professor and guest lecturer for a Master's occupational therapy program. Justin mentors other aspiring occupational therapists, by encouraging evidence-based practice and compassion for the human experience. He has provided seminars in the community to help parents and students understand the brain and the senses. He has provided services as an expert witness in child occupational performance in a school setting. Justin has practiced as a certified Irlen

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