## Outline

#### **Perspective-Taking and Meaning to** Improve Behavior

The intersection of sensory, cognitive, affect and motor systems

The "Set-up": Child's expectation + delayed development = failure Develop appropriate expectations: Pitfalls and strengths of developmental models Strategies for triggering triggers: Reinforcing

desired behavior De-escalation strategies and precursors to problem-solving

#### **Sensory Deficits**

#### Interdependence between sensory processing and perception

Strategies to reduce sensory triggers Desensitize strategies to reset the "panic switch" Manage the environment to reduce sensory overload Experience your own dysregulation to sensory challenges

#### Language/Learning Deficits

Incorporate language processing into our understanding of behavior

Your emotional response to their language challenges

Recognize, validate and problem-solve common language deficit triggers Social Pragmatics insight and behavior Suggestions for accommodations and modifications for the classroom

#### **Executive Functioning Deficits** Effective supports to overcoming EF roadblocks

Problem-solving strategies to improve organization, working memory and metacognitive deficits

Environments that manage fidgeting, restlessness and inattention and provide positive social-emotional regulation Experience how we might set kids up to fail without realizing it

#### **Behavioral Strategies**

Empower children to make positive choices and take responsibility for their behavior Create realistic expectations through better understanding of the child's process Successful "resetting" through behavior modification and skills coaching Environmental structures and nurturing words

that regulate Reduce tantrums and emotional dysregulation through cognitive restructuring

#### **Problem-Solving Strategies** Teach flexibility, tolerance and decision-

makina End power struggles and the blame game

Improve child's acceptance and personal responsibility for behavior Create realistic expectations Use language as a self-regulation tool

#### **Brain Training**

#### Increase task completion, social success and emotional control

Music and rhythm Cerebellum Stimulation Training

Brain Gym® Yoga & mindfulness Neurotherapy models Limitations of research and potential risks

#### **Neuro-Biological Considerations**

Diet/food Supplements/vitamins Sensitivities/toxins Movement and exercise to regulate the brain

#### Live Webinar Schedule

(Times listed in Eastern)

8:00 Program begins 11:50-1:00 Lunch Break

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. Communicate how sensory, language, and executive skills impairments create fight/ flight/freeze and defensive responses that lead to children's dysregulation and related behavioral issues.
- 2. Choose the appropriate intervention strategies to improve student skills including self-control, social success, emotional regulation and task completion.
- 3. Employ behavior modification techniques and problem-solving strategies to diffuse student's escalated and oppositional behavior.
- 4. Implement environmental strategies to accommodate children's processing deficits and emotional regulation needs.
- 5. Utilize problem-solving strategies to develop appropriate behavioral expectations and coping mechanisms for improved self-regulation skills in students.
- 6. Apply cognitive restructuring strategies to reduce frequency, severity and duration of children's behavioral and emotional outbursts.



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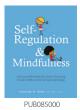
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