

Professional Development

Understanding Sensory Integration (ASI) Therapy and Its Impact on Occupational Performance

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About the Presenter

Dr. Dominique Blanche Kiefer, OTD, OTR/L, is a co-owner of Therapy West, Inc. (Los Angeles) and Therapy West Two (Orlando). She holds a B.S. in engineering from Brown University and an M.A. and OTD from USC's Chan Division. A co-author of the SOSI-M and COP-R, she teaches sensory integration, clinical observations, and school-based practice. She has published extensively and co-directed A. Jean Ayres: The Pioneer Behind Sensory Integration. Recognized by SIE and AOTA for her contributions to SI theory and pediatrics, she has over 20 years of clinical experience and currently practices in Orlando.

Training Descriptions

Target Audience: (Therapists, therapy assistants, educators, related service providers, and interventionists working with students who struggle with sensory processing.)

This workshop provides a basic understanding of sensory processing/sensory integration and its impact on emotional regulation, behavior, and sensory-motor skills, as well as indicators for need, sensory rooms, and sensory strategies.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Define Ayres Sensory Integration (SI) therapy and describe its theoretical foundations and impact on occupational performance.
- Explain the purpose of SI therapy, including its role in improving the brain's ability to process and respond to sensory information effectively.
- Identify key indicators for SI therapy, including sensory modulation disorders, sensory discrimination challenges, and praxis difficulties, to determine when intervention is necessary.
- Understand the components of a sensory room, including essential equipment, environmental considerations, and implementation strategies for structured and unstructured sensory experiences.
- Develop strategies for incorporating SI principles into various environments, such as schools, clinics, and homes, to improve participation and engagement for children with sensory processing challenges.

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Date:

March 12, 2025 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location:

Schultz Center 4019 Boulevard Center Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207

Registration Deadline:

March 11, 2025 Limited to first 100 participants

Register <u>Here</u> *Registration is mandatory.*



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