

About the Presenter

Carol Kranowitz

Carol Kranowitz is the author of the book *The Out of Sync Child*. She has also written many articles on sensory processing, child development, and preschool curricula for magazines such as *Parenting*, *Sesame Street Magazine*, *Child Care Information Exchange*, and *Family Circle*. Carol is the Editor-in-Chief of S.I. Focus, the international magazine focusing on sensory integration/sensory processing.

Target Audience

Parents, professionals, college students; anyone who wishes to enhance their understanding of Sensory Processing Disorders and how they affect the lives of children.

Description of Conference

The presentation will focus on understanding Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD). Ms. Kranowitz will examine why some children withdraw from physical contact, refuse to participate in typical classroom and playground activities that their peers enjoy, or respond in an unusual way to ordinary sensations of touch, movement, sights, and sounds. These children don't behave as we expect - not because they **won't**, but because they **can't**. Inefficient processing of sensory messages that come from one's body and surroundings often causes out-of-sync behavior.

Children diagnosed with a Sensory Processing Disorder often have associated difficulties including visual and auditory dysfunction, picky eating and food intolerances, problems with digestion and elimination, sleep irregularities, and high anxiety. This presentation will identify the importance of early intervention to cope with these issues. Participants will also explore ways to make accommodations in both home and school environments to discover the "just-right" experiences that are most helpful for children diagnosed with SPD.

Ms. Kranowitz will provide an overview of current research studies regarding Sensory Processing Disorders, specifically Dr. Lucy Jane Miller's *Sensory Challenge Protocol*. She will discuss the importance of "In-Sync" activities and will identify several that are specifically designed to engage various sensory systems, improve learning, and regulate behavior.

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the three major categories of Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD): sensory modulation disorder, sensory discrimination disorder, and sensory-based motor disorder including postural disorder and dyspraxia (poor motor planning).
- Recognize characteristics of tactile, vestibular, proprioceptive, visual, and auditory dysfunction and how these difficulties affect children's learning and behavior.
- Explain how children's involuntary, neurological reactions to sensory stimuli affect their learning and behavioral responses.
- Explain how movement and touch experiences are essential ingredients in every child's daily sensory diet - "Movement is learning."

Act 48 Hours

Participants will receive 6 hours.

Registration Fee

Professionals
| \$99

Parent/Family Members of an individual with ASD
| \$75

Fee includes: Breakfast, afternoon snack,
and hand-outs.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Organization _____

Payment: _____ Check Enclosed
(Payable to The Hope Learning Center)

Please mail to:
The Hope Learning Center
155 Lake Drive
Wexford, PA 15090

You can also register online
and pay by credit card at

www.thehopelearningcenter.com



Schedule

- 7:30 am Registration
- Session 1:
8:30 to 10:00 How Sensory Disorders Affect Learning and Behavior
- 10:00 to 10:15 Break
- Session 2:
10:15 to 11:45 Associated Problems and Early Interventions That Help
- 11:45 to 1:15 Lunch
- Session 3:
1:15 to 2:45 Identifying Sensory Processing Issues
- 2:45 to 3:00 Break
- Session 4:
3:00 to 4:30 Fun and Functional Activities

The conference is being held at:

The Marriott Pittsburgh North at Cranberry Woods
100 Cranberry Woods Drive,
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Marriott.

Rooms must be booked by March 13, 2009.

Please mention The hope Learning Center when making reservations to receive a discounted rate.

For more information:

724.933.HOPE
info@thehopelearningcenter.com

The **HOPE**
Learning Center

155 Lake Drive | Wexford, PA
15090

Carol Kranowitz

Understanding Sensory Processing Disorder



Friday, April 3, 2009

8:30am - 4:30pm

Registration 7:30 am

Marriott Pittsburgh North at Cranberry Woods
100 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

The
HOPE
Learning Center

155 Lake Drive | Wexford, PA 15090

724.933.HOPE

info@thehopelearningcenter.com

www.thehopelearningcenter.com