

## Workshop Description

This 3-Tiered Workshop is offered to professionals, teachers, and parents of teens & adults with autism and other sensory dysfunction; to provide a better understanding of the sensory systems and how they relate to function & behavior in individuals with autism and sensory dysfunction.

This dynamic workshop will use lecture, combined with video and PowerPoint, as well as, small group discussion to explore sensory processing and what it looks like to be integrated and what is atypical. We will consider how this affects learning. We will draw a comparison between typical development and atypical sensory processing/Autism.

Understanding sensory differences can give us another perspective in dealing with common behaviors and may help explain an individual's reactions to events we might not even notice. It can lead us to a better understanding of strategies to help these individuals cope in a sometimes overwhelming world.

Professionals may attend first day only, but must attend Day 1 to attend Days 2 & 3. Attendees of all 3 Days will receive a follow-up call within 6 months to further support development of programs at their own sites.



Barbara Olson Center of Hope  
Occupational Therapy Dept.  
3206 North Central Ave.  
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Return Service Requested

## Sensory Processing & The Effects on Learning and Behavior

February 15<sup>th</sup>,  
March 14<sup>th</sup>  
& April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012



8:30 am— 3:30pm

Location:  
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For questions please call:  
(815) 964-9275 ext.233

Workshop will be presented as a 3 part series.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

**DAY 1:** Intended for parents of teens & adults, as well as, ANY staff (Para-professionals, DSP staff, aides, OTs, PTs, Licensed Social Workers, Speech Therapists & other professionals) working with people with Autism, a Developmental Disability or Sensory Dysfunction.

- The sensory systems & their relationship to behavior & learning.
- Strategies on how to achieve functional skills.
- Strategies on how to achieve purposeful interactions.

**DAY 2:** Intended for professionals working with people with Autism or Sensory Dysfunction.

- Tools to develop assessment of needs.
- Tools to develop treatment plans.
- Tools to monitor treatment plans.

**DAY 3:** Intended for professionals working with people with Autism or Sensory Dysfunction.

- Video reviews. Attendee brings in video of participant. Class helps to assess and come up with some treatment ideas.
- Instructor will have video of assessment and treatment to review.

## Speaker...Theresa McCarty

**Oster, OTR** of Rockton, Illinois, received her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 1984 from the University of Illinois College of Allied Health Professions at the Medical Center Campus in Chicago.

Theresa has worked with children and adults with varying disabilities, including Autism, Down syndrome, Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Sensory Modulation Dysfunction, Oral Motor Concerns, and Handwriting Difficulties. Her experiences include: evaluations, the set-up of treatment plans, home programs, as well as, school programs, and providing both clinic and classroom treatment. She has developed in-services and ongoing training for staff. Currently, she is developing programs for the Barbara Olson Center of Hope.

Theresa has offered classes through Rock Valley College in Sensory Integration Strategies for the Home, as well as, Sensory Integration Strategies for the Classroom. She has taught a graduate level class in Sensory Integration for the Classroom for Aurora College. The Rockton School District in Rockton, IL has had Theresa teach bi-yearly in-services from 2005 through 2009.

Theresa McCarty Oster completed classes for Sensory Integration and received her Praxis Test Certification #5997 in July, 1989. To remain current in the new techniques for intervention, she retook Sensory Integration Intervention Course 4 of SIPT Training in December, 2009. She was a co-author of Adaptive Feeding Curriculum for NSSEO in Palatine, IL in July, 1995, and Revised in August 1998. She has co-authored several grants, including for Sonoma Wineries for Autism Society and The Coleman Foundation program. In 2011, Theresa was elected as Director of Membership for the ILOTA State Board.

### Funding opportunities...

#### ARC Consumer Stipend Program

Call ARC of Illinois at (815)464-1832

Or

Apply on line at: <http://www.thearcofil.org>

Click on: Consumer Stipend Project

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## Workshop Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional License # (If applicable):**

### Workshop preference (Circle choice/s):

**Selection 1: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
8:30am-3:30pm Cost: \$155.00**

**Selection 2: February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>,  
& April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

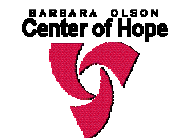
**8:30am-3:30pm Cost: \$350.00**

**ILOTA Member discounted price of \$325.00**

*Lunch will be provided.*

**CEUs/CPDUs available.**

**This course has been approved for continuing education hours for occupational therapy practitioners by the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association.**



Please mail your completed registration form with your check payable to:

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