

# 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 in Los Angeles, CA and co-founder and co-owner of Therapy West Two in Orlando, FL. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in engineering from Brown University and also holds a Masters Degree and Occupational Therapy Doctorate from the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She is one of the co-authors of the Structured Observations of Sensory Integration-Motor (SOSI-M) and Clinical Observation of Proprioception (COP-R). She teaches courses in evaluation and treatment using sensory integration, clinical observations and school-based practice. She has published numerous articles and book chapters and was one of the original authors/directors of the video "A. Jean Ayres: the pioneer behind sensory integration". Dominique was awarded Honorary Fellowship of Sensory Integration Education (SIE) in recognition of her contributions to the development of sensory integration (SI) theory, training and practice and the valued support of the work at SIE. She also received the AOTA board certification in pediatrics. She has over 20 years of clinical experience in pediatrics and is currently practicing in Orlando, FL.

## 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.

### 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

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