

# **"ACTIVE LEARNING" CONFERENCE**

*September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020*  
*Drury Plaza Hotel Franklin*  
*1874 W McEwen Drive, Franklin, TN 37067*

Given the opportunity, any child can learn! Active Learning, an innovative approach developed by Dr. Lilli Nielsen, focuses on establishing motivating learning environments for children with multiple special needs. Join Ms. Patricia Obrzut, M.S., O.T.R./L., as she provides you with this fresh and pioneering approach. Learn how to increase functional independence and developmental skills while reducing stereotypical, self-injurious or aggressive behaviors. This exciting conference will feature lecture, video and demonstrations. Active Learning equipment and materials will be on display throughout this conference.

## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday – September 24, 2020**

*8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION*

#### ***9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Active Learning vs. Passive Learning***

- The history and philosophy of Active Learning
- Establishing rich environments to encourage active learning vs. passive learning
- The role of play as a developmental tool in learning
- Understanding the dynamic learning circle and the role disability plays in disrupting this process
- Identifying strategies to encourage developmental learning

*12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH – on your own*

#### ***1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Active Learning Equipment & Tools***

- Active learning as an instrument for decreasing self-injurious behavior, self-stimulatory behaviors or aggressive behaviors
- Use and demonstration of equipment that facilitates an Active Learning environment: the Little Room, Resonance Board and the HOPSA-dress
- Facilitating skills in spatial relations, object concept, increased muscle strength, weight bearing, unsupported sitting, standing and walking

### **Friday – September 25, 2020**

#### ***9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Active Learning Equipment & the Five Phases of Educational Treatment***

- Use and demonstration of equipment that facilitates an Active Learning environment: the Esfef Board, Support Bench, Multi-Functional Table
- Facilitating cognitive skills, fine and gross motor skills, improving muscle strength and dexterity, improving weight bearing, unsupported sitting, and standing
- Understanding and identifying the emotional and intellectual levels of the special needs child. Identifying the role of the adult in promoting skill development

*12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH – on your own*

#### ***1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. From Assessment to Curriculum***

- Assessing a child's developmental level with the use of the Functional Scheme
- Establishing a rich and appropriate Active Learning curriculum. Physical layouts for the classroom or playroom
- Strategies for implementing Active Learning in the home, school and therapy environment
- Community resources

*Schedule Subject To Change*

## **About The Presenter**

Patricia Obrzut received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Occupational Therapy and is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. Ms. Obrzut was recognized by Dr. Lilli Nielsen, Danish psychologist, author and creator of "Active Learning" as an expert in the theory and practice of Active Learning. Ms. Obrzut received permission from Dr. Lilli Nielsen in 2002 to educate others, and is recognized in North America as the premier educator of the "Active Learning" theory.

## **Registration Information**

Registration for this conference is available on-line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-learning-conference-patricia-obrzut-tickets-94201245461>

There is no registration fee for this event.

## **Accommodations**

The conference is being held at the Drury Plaza Hotel Franklin 1874 West McEwen Drive, Franklin, Tennessee 37067. We have negotiated a special rate of \$128 per night (plus taxes) for conference attendees. Please make sure to make your room reservations as soon as possible, limited number of rooms available. You are responsible for making your own reservations before August 21th, 2020 in order to receive this rate. If you are unable to attend and do not cancel your reservation, you will be responsible for any room charges. When making hotel reservations please inform the hotel of special accommodations/accessible room requests. All registered hotel guests receive the following:

- Free Hot Breakfast - Start every day with make-your-own Belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, KELSO+BROS® coffee and more. Free hot breakfast is served daily from 6–9:30 a.m. on weekdays and 7–10 a.m. on weekends.
- Free 5:30 Kickback®\* - Join us from 5:30–7 p.m. every evening to enjoy free hot food and cold beverages at our 5:30 Kickback®. We feature a rotating menu of hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks.
- Free Wi-Fi Throughout the Hotel - Get the score, check your social networks or email family members from anywhere in the hotel – for free!
- Free Soft Drinks and Popcorn - Freshly popped popcorn and a refreshing beverage make a great snack! Stop by the lobby for free soft drinks and popcorn every evening.
- On-Site Facilities - Take advantage of the business center, fitness center or pool while you're away from home. Print your boarding pass, finish a presentation or check e-mail in our business centers.

Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and mention that you are registering for the TN DEAFBLIND conference and the code 2408845 or register online at:

<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2408845>

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