## Outline n

#### **Treatment Approaches Using Processing** Perspectives

Improve self-regulation in children through our own paradigm shifts

Ping + Ping + Ping = Frustration and dysregulation De-escalation strategies and precursors to problemsolving

Behavioral and mindful intervention for dysregulation triggers

#### **Sensory Deficits**

Integration, meaning and perception Experience your own dysregulation to sensory challenges Reduce sensory triggers

Desensitize strategies to reset the "panic switch" Manage the environment to reduce sensory overload

#### Language/Learning Deficits

Incorporate language processing into our understanding of behavior

Meaning = perception = reality = response Your emotional response to their language challenges Recognize, validate and problem-solve common language deficit triggers

Social Pragmatics insight and behavior

#### **Executive Functioning Deficits**

Impact of processing inconsistencies on daily functioning Experience how we might set kids up to fail without realizing it

Problem-solving strategies to improve organization, working memory and meta-cognitive deficits Environments that manage fidgeting, restlessness and inattention and provide positive social-emotional regulation

Roadblocks created by executive skills deficits

#### **Perspective-Taking and Meaning**

The "Set-up": Child's expectation + delayed development = failure Develop appropriate expectations: Pitfalls and strengths of developmental models Strategies for triggering triggers Reinforcing desired behavior using Nurtured Heart Approach

#### **Behavioral Strategies**

Create realistic expectations through better understanding of the child's process Behavior modification and skills coaching: Resetting and choices to improve self-regulation Environmental structures that regulate Empower children to improve self-regulation Cognitive restructuring to reduce tantrums and emotional dysregulation

## **Problem-Solving Strategies**

**Reduce stressors** Improve child's acceptance and personal responsibility for behavior Create realistic expectations

Learning/teaching flexibility Use language to self-regulate

## **Neuro-Biological Considerations**

Diet/food Supplements/vitamins Sensitivities/toxins Movement and exercise to regulate the brain



## Objectives ...

- 1. Describe the role that sensory processing, language processing, and executive processing play in self-regulation.
- 2. Demonstrate experiential activities that shift your understanding and perception of these children.
- 3. Explain how sensory, language, and executive skills impairments create fight/flight/fear and defensive responses that lead to dysregulation and behavior issues through negative conditioning.
- 4. Practice and apply the "6 Steps Model" to help children self-regulate.
- 5. Tailor sensory, language/learning and executive functioning strategies to minimize processing triggers.
- 6. Employ behavior modification and problem-solving strategies to diffuse escalations and refusals.
- 7. Implement positive environments and accommodations for dysregulated kids using insights gained about processing deficits, emotional triggers and problem-solving.

## Target Audience

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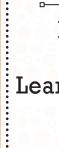
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- Improve processing deficits in sensory, language and executive functions
- Over 50% of the workshop focuses on effective interventions to increase self-regulation in any setting
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Through discussion and hands-on experience you will discover how language, executive function and sensory processing deficits lead to misperceptions about the causes of emotional and behavioral dysregulation in these children. You will learn strategies for changing your perception and creating expectations and environments that will help them to succeed at home, school and with peers!

#### Recognize the signs of underlying processing deficits that lead to dysregulation

- Strategies to improve self-control, social success, emotional control and task completion
- Strategies to reduce frequency and duration of tantrums and emotional outbursts
- Problem-solving strategies to create positive structure and expectations, positive coping and self-regulation
- Interventions to deescalate and brain training exercises that will increase self-regulation

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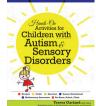
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#### By Teresa Garland, MOT, OTR/L

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