Outline

Neurological Development

Latest research on neurological differences associated with:

Motor skills, sensory processing, language development, self-regulation and learning

Hindrances to typical brain development Structural brain differences and neurochemistry in common diagnoses and symptoms

A bottoms-up model for brain-based intervention

Video labs and hands-on brain models

Assessment of Neurological Functioning

SPD vs ADHD Sensory vs behavior

Behavior disorders
Standardized assessment tools

Behavior analysis
Easily accessible checklists and questionnaires

Build a Strong Neurological Foundation

Sensory-motor activities to build strong neural connections between key brain regions

Strengthen the insular cortex to improve emotional awareness

Strategies to stimulate the vagal nerve to power up the parasympathetic nervous system

Integrate primitive reflexes to enhance posture, motor control, and emotional responses

Case study: 16-year-old boy with HFA, SPD and EF challenges

Lab: 1) Acupoint tapping 2) Vagal stimulation activity

Using Neuroplasticity to Repair/Rebuild Affected Brain Structures

Restore balance between the frontal cortex and the amygdala to decrease sensory sensitivities, anxiety and aggression Auditory stimulation to facilitate a calm and focused state

Yoga and mindfulness strategies to reduce an overactive fight-or-flight response Proprioceptive, vestibular and tactile input to regulate emotional responses, reduce self-stimming, self-injury and anxiety **Lab:** 1) Joint compressions 2) Rhythmic movements

Neurochemistry's Impact on Behavior, Emotions, Motor Skills and Learning

Primary role of major neurotransmitters Signs and symptoms of neurotransmitter imbalance

Correlation between neurotransmitters, sensory processing and emotions Evidence-based strategies for neurotransmitter deficits/excesses

Case Study: 12 year old girl, trauma history, extreme tactile sensitivities, atypical social behaviors

Lab: Change your own neurochemistry now!

Targeting Higher Level Brain Centers

CBT to identify triggers and manage emotions

Behavior mapping to improve selfawareness

Social stories and video modeling to target mirror neurons and teach appropriate responses

Programs to improve social skills and manage physiological response to conflict and stress

Token economy to address self-regulation Case Study: 6-year-old boy, off-task and fidgety behaviors

Lab: 1) Binaural beats to impact brain waves 2) Mindfulness activity to balance neurotransmitters

The Role of Medication

Perspectives on medication Commonly prescribed medications for childhood diagnoses

Supplements to consider

Case study: 11-year-old boy, difficulty with attention, differentiating symptoms of ADHD vs. SPD

Brain Health

Nutrients for neurotransmitter production Sleep hygiene Nature

Physical health

Use of electronics and video games

Case study: 21-year-old with autism, severe sleep disorder, obesity

Clinical Considerations

Goal-writing

Data-tracking

Limitations of research and potential risks

Objectives.

- 1. Identify the major neurological differences associated with common diagnoses to inform choice of treatment interventions.
- 2. Articulate the primary roles of at least five major neurotransmitters and their clinical implications.
- 3. Select therapeutic strategies based on the desired neurological changes needed as indicated by behaviors and emotional affect to improve child's level of functioning.
- 4. Differentiate assessment tools available to determine neurological functioning in children to improve treatment outcomes.
- 5. Analyze the efficacy of current brain-based intervention strategies available for use in the school and home environments.
- 6. Summarize the scientific research related to available programs and strategies to enhance academic learning, sensory processing, emotional regulation, social-communication, and response to trauma and stress.
- Implement an effective sensory program based on assessment results to immediately impact sensory processing and behavior.
- 8. Develop appropriate programs for use in homes and schools to ensure carry-over of recommended intervention techniques to improve child's level of functioning.
- Use mindfulness, yoga, meditation, proprioceptive and vestibular input, sensory rooms, exercise, music, and nutrients to impact neurological change.
- 10. Select cognitive-behavioral therapy techniques based on desired neurological changes needed to improve treatment outcomes.
- 11. Determine activity and environmental adaptations and modifications to impact the central nervous system.

Gwen Wild, MOT, OTR/L, isan occupational therapist with over 25 years of experience specializing in the treatment of children and adolescents diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorders, neurological disorders and a wide variety of developmental disorders in numerous settings. She is the owner of Sensational Brain, LLC, and creator of the popular BrainWorks™ tools, a system for creating effective sensory diets that empowers kids to take charge of their sensory needs.

Gwen is steadfast in helping children learn to self-regulate to manage their behaviors and emotions effectively. She works directly with educators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, BCBAs and other professionals in her roles as an educator, consultant to two school districts and provider of private pediatric occupational therapy services in homes.

Gwen presents worldwide on topics related to sensory modulation and self-regulation teaching practitioners, parents, and teachers who work with children and adolescents practical treatments and interventions. She has been invited to speak at numerous state and local conferences and has been featured on podcasts. Gwen has led and co-authored two research studies on the implementation of sensory strategies for the purpose of enhancing self-regulation, the most recent of which was published in a peer reviewed journal.

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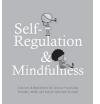
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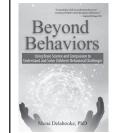


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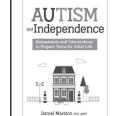
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