

Richmond, Virginia • October 16-17, 2009

Course Summary

Listening plays a vital role in the sensory integration process. In fact, some believe that the auditory system is the 'missing link' in sensory integration modalities. Both research* and clinical experience have shown that using sound-based interventions for clients with sensory processing difficulties can increase treatment effectiveness.

In this two-day workshop, you will learn to use Therapeutic Listening® Modulated CDs to create individualized, home-based programs for clients. You will also learn how to implement Therapeutic Listening strategies in conjunction with postural, respiratory, and sensory activities. The course will take you through all of the steps--from assessment to outcomes--for creating complete Therapeutic Listening programs. Video case presentations will be used to illustrate points and show changes in individuals with listening and other sensory processing difficulties.

This workshop will be especially meaningful for practitioners who have a background in sensory integration, including therapists in schools, hospitals, and private clinics. This course provides 12 contact hours or 1.2 AOTA CEUs, and provides participants with the necessary background information to begin using Therapeutic Listening right away. Specialized headphones and CDs are necessary and are available for purchase upon completing the course.



*Hall, L. & Case-Smith, J. (2007). The effect of sound-based intervention on children with sensory processing disorders and visual-motor delays. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 61(2), 209-215.

Who Can Benefit From Therapeutic Listening?

Therapeutic Listening, coupled with sensory integrative treatment, tends to speed the emergence of:

- Attention
- Organized behavior
- Self regulation
- Postural control
- Bilateral coordination
- Praxis
- Fine motor control
- Oral motor/articulation
- Social skills/communication
- Visual motor integration

Course Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Describe the relationship between listening and sensory integration.
- Identify individuals with sensory processing and listening difficulties who may respond well to Therapeutic Listening.
- Create Therapeutic Listening programs that are adapted to meet specific needs of individual clients.
- Demonstrate understanding of the role of postural, respiratory, and sensory strategies that are part of the Therapeutic Listening program.

"The results you said you were getting at the Listening With the Whole Body workshop seemed incredible, but I am getting close to 100% success rate with using this in speeding up goal attainment. And yes, it works for toilet training! I've been in practice since 1987, and this is just about the easiest to administer and most effective tool for sensory integration-based disorders I have used to date! Thank you for improving the lives of countless children and families!" --Margaret Fischer, OT

Instructor

Sharron Donnelly, MS, OTR, earned her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and has worked in a variety of settings including early intervention, schools, and private practice. Sharron has a special interest in using auditory interventions to facilitate sensory integration and has extensive training under Sheila Frick. She also has training and a special interest in using DIR/Floortime to improve functional and social emotional development. She is certified in administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Test and has experience with Samonas, Interactive Metronome, AIT, Rhythmic Entrainment and the LIFT. Sharron is co-owner of Advanced Pediatric Therapies in Portland, Oregon.



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October 16

- 8:00 Check-in begins
- 8:30 What is listening?
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 What is Therapeutic Listening®?
- 11:00 Listening as a sensory integration process
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own) / Listening lab
- 1:15 Using sound as a tool
- 2:15 Understanding the elements of music as clinical tools
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 CD descriptions & clinical use of Therapeutic Listening CDs
- 4:30 End

October 17

- 8:30 Programming with Therapeutic Listening®
- 9:30 Anatomical structures and neurological considerations
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Anatomy and neurology (continued)
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own) / Listening lab
- 1:15 Core activation and development
- 2:00 Assessment tools
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Clinical case studies, problem solving, questions
- 4:30 End

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- \$460 regular price if postmarked September 18, 2009 or after
- \$285 reduced price for repeat attendees

For groups of 3 or more registering simultaneously, each participant may take an additional discount of \$25.

NEW IN 2009! Registration fee includes *Listening With the Whole Body: Clinical Concepts and Treatment Guidelines for Therapeutic Listening* (\$79 value).

Participant Name (to appear on certificate/CEU documentation)

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code Email Address

Home Phone # Work Phone # Fax #

Profession:

- Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy
- Speech/Language Other _____

How did you first hear about this workshop?

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Location & Accommodations

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel

6624 West Broad Street
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Overnight accommodations are available at a discounted rate of \$99 per night for a standard room if reservations are made by September 13, 2009. Call the hotel at 804.285.2000 or 800.325.3535 if you would like to reserve a room, and indicate you are with the Vital Links group to obtain this room rate.

