

Useful Websites: Sensory Processing Disorder

1. www.alertprogram.com

Over the past two decades, countless parents, teachers, and therapists world-wide have implemented the Alert Program with those who are verbal or non-verbal. They found the program to be a practical approach to support self-regulation for all ages and all types of challenges, including autism and ADHD. As you begin thinking how the Alert Program can best meet the needs of your young child, older student, or adult client, click on the following questions. And we encourage you to browse our website to learn more.

2. <http://www.spdfoundation.net>

The SPD Foundation is a world leader in research, education, and advocacy for Sensory Processing Disorder, a neurological condition that disrupts the daily lives of many children and adults. Originally called the KID Foundation, SPDF has been providing hope and help to individuals and families living with SPD.

3. <http://out-of-sync-child.com>

4. <http://www.siglobalnetwork.org>

SIGN is made up of a group of volunteers who are dedicated to protecting the integrity and promoting the work of Dr. A. Jean Ayres in Sensory Integration Theory and Intervention. The originators of this group include former co-workers and students of Dr. Ayres, who are now among the leading experts in the field, and occupational therapists committed to providing occupational therapy services from a sensory integrative perspective in a manner consistent with Ayres' core principles.

In addition to the support of the Successor Trustee of Dr. Ayres' estate, who now holds the trademark term Ayres Sensory Integration® (ASI), participation at the ground level has also included businesses who manufacture tests and equipment related to sensory integration.

5. <http://www.sensorystreet.com>

sensorystreet.com is a resource for anyone whose lives are touched by Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), formerly referred to as Sensory Integration Dysfunction (SID).

sensorystreet.com offers workshops and seminars to help the community understand how it feels to live with Sensory Processing issues, and teach strategies to help these sensory kids regulate and participate.

6. <http://southpawenterprises.com>

Since our founding in 1976, we've dedicated ourselves to developing and manufacturing sensory integration dysfunction (DSI) and neurodevelopmental products that help therapeutic professionals, people with special needs, their families, and other professionals, solve problems or meet new challenges.

Although we focus on clinic-based therapy, we continue to develop products for teachers in the classroom and for parents for use at home under the guidance of a therapist. We also offer the entire community education, insight, and resources for learning more about DSI and related neurodevelopmental disorders. We believe whole-heartedly that it is information that will lead to greater strides and progress in understanding and treating these disorders.

7. www.thegraycenter.org

The Gray Center is a nonprofit 501(c)3 which cultivates the strengths of individuals with **autism** and those who interact with them, and globally promotes social understanding. Our vision is to assist all individuals in the shared challenge of building and maintaining effective social connections.

8. www.therapro.com

We provide therapists, teachers, parents and other caregivers with the highest quality and most economical therapeutic and educational resources for all ages and abilities, from kids to adults.

Our goal is to provide unique speech and occupational therapy supplies for preventive, developmental, and rehabilitative care. With the right tools, including occupational therapy assessments and evaluations, kids and adult activities, games, products and toys, developing gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills is less frustrating, and will result in better outcomes in a shorter period of time.

Our attention to detail, exceptional customer service (now with live phone operators 24-hour/7 days-a-week), knowledgeable staff and prompt, cost-effective delivery to anywhere in the world are the cornerstones of our business.

9. <http://www.weightedwearables.com>

Since 1996 Weighted Wearables has provided a high quality line of weighted adaptive products that facilitate proprioceptive feedback, increase postural stability and attention span, and organize arousal level for learning. Weight and pressure can be highly beneficial to some children and adults. These products are suited for children and adults with various sensory integrative needs in a wide range of sizes, colors and styles.

10. <http://www.ateachabout.com>

This is the Henry Occupational Therapy Services, Inc. site. It includes a variety of products useful to parents, teachers, and students written by Diana A. Henry, such as books and DVDs. Sensory products such as fidgets, weighted materials, and CDs can be ordered through a link on this site. It also provides information about workshops, articles, and other resources related to sensory processing disorders.

11. <http://www.sensoryresources.com>

The Sensory Resources website offers products such as books, CDs, videos, and DVDs as well as information on the workshops and conferences.

12. www.sensorysmarts.com

This is the website written by the authors of Raising a Sensory Smart Child (Biehl & Peske, 2005). It includes several useful sections with tips and resources for parents of children with sensory processing disorders.

13. <http://sensorystories.com>

This site is the gateway to a web application that allows you to build Sensory Stories that are customized for all kinds of needs. Through the customization process you'll be able to choose strategies that match the needs of daily activities. You can even put your student/child's name right on the story so that they are more comfortable with using the story.

14. <http://www.sensoryworld.com/SensoryFocus.aspx>

This is the website for S.I.Focus, the international magazine dedicated to improving sensory integration.

15. <http://spdconnection.com>

This is the website for Jenny's Kids Inc. founded by Jenny Clark Brack, OTR/L, BCP. The site is dedicated to providing sensory integration solutions for parents, teachers, and therapist. It lists activities, products, and services.