

# ***Penrickton Center for Blind Children Presents:*** **An "ACTIVE LEARNING" CONFERENCE**

***NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2018 at the Holiday Inn, Southgate, MI***

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**

### **Monday – November 5, 2018**

*8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION*

#### ***8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.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

*11:45 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

### **Tuesday – November 6, 2018**

#### ***8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Active Learning Equipment & the Five Phases of Educational Treatment***

- Use and demonstration of equipment that facilitates an Active Learning environment: the Essef 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

*11:45 a.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*

# “ACTIVE LEARNING” CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## **REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration Fee: \$125.00 if paid by October 1, 2018, \$150.00 if paid after October 1, 2018

\$100.00 Parent of a special needs child

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Penrickton Center for Blind Children**

**26530 Eureka Road**

**Taylor, MI 48180**

**734-946-76500**

**All Registration fees are non-refundable. Fees may be transferred to another person.**

**Certificate of Completion will be presented at the conclusion of the Conference.**

**SCHECHs (5/day) for participants who register for credits at the conference.**

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## **ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL**

The Holiday Inn Southgate is approximately 15 minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For hotel accommodations, please contact The Holiday Inn Southgate directly at (734) 283-4400 or [www.hisouthgate.com](http://www.hisouthgate.com)

### **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.

### **Observe Active Learning in Practice**

Penrickton Center for Blind Children has implemented an Active Learning approach and curriculum for over 20 years. An optional tour of our child caring center is scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. and is located only 10 minutes from the Holiday Inn Southgate. Transportation is available.

*We kindly request that children not be present during lectures for the benefit of all participants.*

**For Further Information Contact Janet Ames, 734.946.7500 or [janet@penrickton.com](mailto:janet@penrickton.com)**

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