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Coming Events

**Linking Play to Function: Using
NDT and Sensory Integration
Strategies to Facilitate Functional
Skills Through Play**

TIES Conference, 2010: April 19 & 20, Eugene

Mark your calendars for the TIES Conference, Therapy in Educational Settings, coming to the Valley River Inn, in April! The General session presentation is entitled, "Evidence-Based Strategies for Managing the Challenges of Practice in Educational Settings" presented by Yvonne Swinth, PhD, OTR/L, professor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Puget Sound, and school-based OT with the University Place School District in Washington. Dr. Swinth is a knowledgeable and engaging speaker with a broad-based, practical understanding of therapy in educational environments. A wide range of breakout sessions will follow the General session on Tuesday. For more information about the conference, see the flyer at [http://www.rsoi.org/Documents/TIES Conference 2010 Registration.pdf](http://www.rsoi.org/Documents/TIES%20Conference%202010%20Registration.pdf)

Exemplary Therapist Award

Each year at the TIES Conference, we have the honor of recognizing Oregon therapists for outstanding professional achievement in the provision of educational therapy services. The *Judy Rowe Exemplary Therapist Award* is named for an Oregon therapist who is remembered for her exceptional professionalism, creativity and compassion in her work with children and families. The award is made annually to Oregon therapists who are nominated by their peers in education-based practice. If you would like to nominate a colleague for the Exemplary Therapist Award, please submit a letter to Diana Roberts at the RSOI office (mail, fax or email) and include the following information:

- Your name, address and phone number,
- Nominee's name, address and phone number,
- A written summary of the contributions the nominee has made in the field of education-based therapy for children with disabilities,
- Letters of support from others who have experience with the nominee's contributions (e.g., coworkers, parents, students, supervisors, etc.)

Nominations for this year's award are due in to the RSOI Office by no later than March 12, 2010.

Presenter: Lezlie Adler
March 5-6 2010
Portland, OR. \$425
<http://www.educationresourcesinc.com>

Columbia Regional Orthopedic Services-CROS

Resource Fair 2010

March 9, 2010, 9:00-5:00
Providence Child Center, Portland, OR. Contact Craig Lewis for more information. 503-916-5570, 78318 or clewis2@pps.k12.or.us. Or click on the following link:
http://www.crporegon.org/education/training-calendar/event-view?scheduled_event_id=149

EARLY INTERVENTION

CONFERENCE - Keys to Learning in Early Childhood: The Impact of Interactions

April 15 & 16, 2010, 8:00-4:00,
Smullin Health Ed Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd, Medford, OR. Contact Child Development Services at 541-494-7820 for more information.

TIES CONFERENCE: Therapy in Educational Settings

April 19 & 20, 2010

Valley River Inn, Eugene

KEYNOTE: "Evidence-Based Strategies for Managing the Challenges of Practice in Educational Settings" Yvonne Swinth, PhD,OTR/L, FAOTA. Registration materials available at

http://www.rsoi.org/Documents/TIES_Conference_2010_Registration.pdf

or visit www.rsoi.org and click on the TIES CONFERENCE link.

APTA Section on Pediatrics

"Providing School-Based Physical Therapy under IDEA 2004"

July 9 & 10, 2010, Portland, OR. Conference location at Northwest Regional ESD, Hillsboro, OR. Contact 800-999-2782, 8588 in Alexandria, VA for more information.

Osteogenesis Imperfecta

Foundation National Convention

July 8-10, 2010,

OT/PT Manual, 2010 Revised Edition COMING SOON!

The manual, "Physical and Occupational Therapy in Educational Settings", 2001, is now in its final stages of revision. This new addition has been retitled, "Physical and Occupational Therapy under IDEA in Oregon: Early Intervention, Early Childhood and School Age Special Education". Significant changes to the manual include recent updates of the Oregon Practice Acts for OT and PT, not to mention, IDEA 2004. The manual also incorporates new chapters on EI/ECSE and school-aged laws and practice in Oregon. The revision is the work of a subcommittee of the Severe Orthopedic Impairments Working Group, who have labored long and hard to update the contents and appendices, and to write substantial portions of new text. The members of the Writing Group are: Nancy Cicirello, PT, Pacific University; Paul Dressler, OT, formerly with Umatilla-Morrow ESD; Erin Enright, PT, Resident, CDRC; David Komeji, CROS; Lisa Protsman, PT, Northwest Regional ESD; Diana Roberts, Coordinator, RSOI; and Lesley Steiner, Editor, RSOI. The manual will be available online with print editions by request from the RSOI office. Print copies of the manual will also be available at the TIES Conference, where the writing group will present the new manual in a breakout session, and share information on the role of the Severe Orthopedic Impairments Working Group.

Feeding Resources at RSOI.org's Feeding Resources page

Find the following resources at <http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/FeedingResources.aspx>.

- Updated Contact Lists for EI/ECSE and school-based Feeding Teams and Medically-based feeding Teams in Oregon
- CDRC's Release of Information Form: The Child Development and Rehabilitation Center at OHSU has made available copies of their release form in both English and Spanish. Forms may be printed for use with parents when students are going to OHSU for treatment, enabling school personnel to request copies of reports with parent consent.

Portland Hilton, Portland, OR
http://www.oif.org/site/PageServer?pagename=UE_Conference

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Feeding Newsletter Link

Mealttime Partners is a company that specializes in assistive dining equipment and accessories. They publish a monthly online newsletter with articles on topics related to promoting safe and independent eating for adults and children with feeding difficulties. To receive the Mealttime Partners newsletter or to access archived files, go to link:

<http://www.mealttimepartners.com/>