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Coming Events

World OT Day

New! Online event
October 27
24 hours of free presentations from
around the world. Presenters
include Oregon OT, Katie Allgood.
Information at
<http://ot4ot.weebly.com/world-ot-day-schedule.html>

Seminar for Feeding Teams

December 6 & 7, 2010 • Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville



The *Seminar for Feeding Teams* is hosted annually by RSOI to provide support to educational programs to develop processes and procedures for addressing the needs of children with feeding challenges. Problems with feeding can create a serious safety risk when school-based personnel have not received training in how to appropriately feed or manage the eating of children who are at risk for choking, aspiration, or other feeding related difficulties. Feeding Teams need to understand how to evaluate children and develop interventions to best ensure safe eating at school.

Teams which attend the Seminar receive training in developmental, medical, environmental, sensory and behavioral issues which can interfere with safe feeding in the educational environment. The Seminar also offers the opportunity to network with other education-based health professionals about feeding, as well as with the clinic-based providers who see students in medical settings. Teams attending the Seminar receive guidance to analyze their program's processes and procedures, and to work together to make them more effective.

This year's Seminar will feature a day-long presentation titled, *Pediatric Feeding: The Big Picture, Sensory, Motor and Behavioral Issues with Feeding Disorders*, with Jennifer Meyer, MA, CCC-SLP, of Ciao Seminars. In keeping with the Seminar's goal of training education-based teams and equipping them to develop team processes and procedures, Ms Meyer will discuss the roles of the various disciplines on the Feeding Team, and how to work together to evaluate and address feeding issues as an interdisciplinary team. Her presentation will cover the three components of feeding disorders and how to address them in a comprehensive feeding program.

Day two of the Seminar will focus on developing a district Feeding Team Process, featuring a presentation by the Salem-Keizer Feeding Team, with breakout discussion time for teams to consider their team process and set team goals. Oregon Department of Education School Health Specialist, Leslie Currin, RN, will present an update on school health services, including House Bill 2693, passed in the Legislative Assembly earlier this year, which includes

Early Mobility - The Next Step: Implementing an Early Mobility Program

Ginny Paleg, PT, DSc,
October 7, 9:00 - 3:00
East Moreland Golf Course
2425 SE Bybee Blvd.
Portland, OR.

Workshop is free of charge, with lunch included. Presented by Columbia Regional Orthopedic Services. To register:

<http://www.crporegon.org/content/early-mobility-next-step-implementing-early-mobility-program>

LBCC OTA Fieldwork Ed Training

Oct. 8
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital,
Health Career & Training Center (HCTC)
525 N. Santiam Hwy.
Lebanon, OR.

To register or ask questions contact: Maggie Hotch at maggie.hotch@linnbenton.edu with "Oct 8 school based fieldwork" as the subject line.

Practical Pediatric Orthopedics for Primary Care Providers

November 12
Shriners Hospital, Portland. For more information, 503-221-3424.

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<http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/FeedingSeminar.aspx>

AT Now! Conference

Northwest Regional ESD, Hillsboro, OR, February 17 & 18, 2011.
Contact the OTAP office at 541-440-4791 or download more information at www.otap-oregon.org, click on TRAINING.

TIES Conference, 2011:

Standardized Pediatric Measurement, Making it Meaningful to Children, Families and Therapists

Donna Cech, PT, DHS, PCS

provisions for school nursing services. She will also answer Frequently Asked Questions and take questions from the audience. Finally, Dr. Brian Rogers, Director of CDRC, will present an update from the CDRC Feeding Clinic. To register, click on the link <http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/FeedingSeminar.aspx> or visit our website at www.rsoi.org and click on the Feeding Seminar Link.

Please note that the **early registration deadline** is **NOVEMBER 10, 2010**. If you register by this date we can guarantee you receive materials at the Seminar.

2010 Exemplary Therapist Award

Each year, the TIES Conference features an award ceremony to honor therapists working in Oregon educational programs who exemplify excellence in their service to children, schools and families. This past April, it was our pleasure to honor one outstanding physical therapist and, for the first time in the history of the award, an entire motor team who was nominated for their collaborative work!

Connie Hector, Physical Therapist with the Douglas ESD, was recognized by



colleagues and families for her outstanding work in the Douglas County EI/ECSE program and county school districts. Connie brings a broad range of experience and expertise to her work in educational programs, including a degree in Early Childhood Special Education. In addition to her work for the ESD, Connie is active in local community charitable organizations which provide

support to children with disabilities and their families.

The **Forest Grove School District Motor Development Team** was also honored for their exemplary work with students and teachers. Amy Anderson, OT; Melissa Howarth, OT; and Melanie Rodriguez, PT, as well as Susan Dieter and Katie Hinz, Adaptive PE Specialists, were nominated by their Special Education Director, Brad Bafaro, to receive the team award. The team was especially noted for going the extra mile to provide supports to their students to enable participation in extracurricular activities as a part of access to the school program.



Valley River Inn, Eugene
April 28 & 29, 2011
Presenter Proposals available
December 1, 2010 at www.rsoi.org

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Issues in School Practice Workshops

Each year, RSOI develops training on *Issues in School Practice*. Topics are identified via feedback to the program from therapists, program administrators, and the Severe Orthopedic Impairments Working Group, and are approved by the Regional Program Managers. *Issues* workshops are designed as guided, interactive discussions with motor teams. Workshops are available to your local program and may be customized to meet your needs and interests. This year's topics include *Transition Between Educational Settings*, *Decision-Making about Continuation/Discontinuation of Related Services*, *Developing and Documenting Functional goals on the IEP and IFSP*, and *Use of the Oregon Regional Eligibility Screening Tool (OREST)*. Contact Diana Roberts to schedule a workshop on these or other topics of your choice.

Preparing and Supporting Paraprofessionals for Their Instructional Responsibilities

At the April, 2010 TIES Conference, Rita Moreno, professor at Portland State University, presented her research in a session titled, *Preparing and Supporting Paraprofessionals for Their Instructional Responsibilities*. Carolyn Cannon, OT with Multnomah ESD, attended the session. Reflecting on the session, Carolyn writes, "What I found most fascinating was that the majority of staff members took it for granted that paraprofessionals understood the whole spectrum, 'big picture' of what therapists and teachers were trying to create and attain for their students". Carolyn goes on to observe that, although a paraprofessional may play a major role in student instruction, it may be a mistake to assume that they have been made aware of the contents of the IEP. Despite the time and effort taken by the team to develop an IEP for a student, the paraprofessional often does not have the advantage of attending the IEP meeting. Carolyn points out the importance of sharing the student's therapy-related supports with the paraprofessional, and making certain that they understand how the interventions, modifications and adaptations support the child's educational goals. The handout for this and other TIES 2010 sessions may be downloaded from the RSOI website at <http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/TIESConferenceHandouts2010.aspx>. (Thanks to Carolyn Cannon, OTR, Multnomah ESD for permission to share her comments!)