

Poster Session:**Meeting the Challenge of Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) with Associated Medical and Educational Diagnoses****February 8, 2019**

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Poster Session Format:

Information will be displayed on a bulletin board at an exhibitor table along with other exhibitors. On Friday February 8 during lunch and scheduled breaks, the presenter will be available to discuss the topic and answer questions. The poster presentation will allow attendees to talk directly to the presenter about the topic and receive resources for further inquiry.

Description

This poster presents practical approaches to provide services to children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), which is recognized by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - Fifth edition (DSM-5). It includes theoretical foundations for impairments in skilled motor movements, implications for activities of daily living (ADLs), and strategies for individualization of therapeutic activities. Associated co-concurrent conditions such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, learning disabilities (LD), Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD), and emotional/behavioral problems are illustrated in terms of commonalities with DCD.

Presenter

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Mrs. Rhoda P. Erhardt, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, received her B.S. in occupational therapy from the University of Illinois, and her M.S. in child development and family relations from North Dakota State University. She was trained in pediatric Neuro-Developmental Treatment of cerebral palsy (NDT) in London, England. The former director of the Easter Seal Mobile Therapy Unit in Fargo, North Dakota, she has been in private practice since 1978, and is



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She served on the first state licensure board of North Dakota, the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy and was enrolled in the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Roster of Fellows in 1983. She received the Certificate of Appreciation for Distinguished Service to the Profession from AOTA in 1993, the Certificate of Appreciation Award from the Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association in 2006, the Alumni Achievement Award for Outstanding Professional Success and National Distinction from The University of Illinois in 2011, and the Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

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