



The Sensory Dilemma

Distinguishing Between Broad Sensory Difficulties and Behavioral Functions

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4:30pm – 7:45 pm

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LOCATION: Presented via Zoom

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Target Audience:

- Teachers School Leaders Social Workers
- Speech/Language Pathologists LMHCs
- Psychologists (Licensed & School)
- BCBA's & BCaBA's

Course Level/Learning Methods:

Intermediate; Lecture

Method of Presentation: Live-Virtual Online

Course Requirements: To receive Certificates of Attendance and CEUs, participants must: arrive on time, stay for the entire session, and submit a completed Evaluation Form.

Course Description

Sensory difficulty” has become a common phrase used to describe a myriad of interfering behaviors that children may present with. Often times, behaviors presented by children with certain diagnoses such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are assumed to be sensory in nature. While it is true that many children with such disorders may present with sensory-based challenges, it should not be assumed that because a behavior appears sensory-based that it is truly serving a sensory (automatic) function.

This course describes several sensory-based difficulties a child may present with, and a distinction is made in how to identify automatic behavioral functions. Implications for intervention and treatment are also reviewed; specifically how to incorporate contingent and non-contingent reinforcement procedures to address sensory-based behaviors.

Learner Objectives - As a result of this activity, participant will be able to:

- provide a behavior-based definition of sensory (automatic) behaviors.
- identify the difference from general sensory difficulties and true sensory functions
- identify whether or not a sensory-based behavior truly requires intervention or treatment
- explain how to incorporate contingent and non-contingent strategies to effectively address interfering behaviors

Agenda

- 4:30 Introduction: Defining Sensory Behaviors
- 5:15 Behavioral Conceptualization of Sensory Functions
- 6:00 Break
- 6:15 Determining Interventions
- 7:00 Using Contingent and Non-Contingent Strategies

Biographical Information:

Lenny Caltabiano, Psy.D., NCSP is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Family of Kidz, which provides a variety of therapeutic and special education services to infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Dr. Caltabiano is a New York State licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist. He earned his doctoral degree at St. John's University, and his areas of specialization include autism spectrum disorder, behavior intervention, and cognitive assessment. He has conducted hundreds of presentations, trainings, and workshops related to these areas of specialization. Prior to becoming CEO in 2021, Dr. Caltabiano was the Director of Autism and Behavioral Services and Vice President of Therapeutic and Educational Services at Family of Kidz.

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