

# Potomac Association of Co-operative Teachers

## DVD Collection

### 1. Sensory Issues in Learning and Behavior - Carol Kranowitz. 2 disc set; 3 hours

In this 3-hour DVD of a live presentation, Carol Kranowitz offers sensory strategies and activities that are applauded not only in the United States but around the world. Carol discusses research in SPD and shares her 25 years of teaching experience. For every kind of sensory need, she has a story that illustrates how a child may behave. She suggests techniques that work (and some that don't) and fun and functional activities that are sure to be a hit with your young child or student, no matter what his or her sensory needs are. Carol discusses: Recent research in SPD by the world's top investigators The six types of SPD and how they can affect the daily lives of children Possible co-existing problems (e.g., visual, auditory, eating, sleeping, and emotional difficulties) Available treatment and therapy options Carol's lively approach to sensory challenges makes this DVD informative and entertaining.

### 2. To See Takes Time, Growing Curriculum from Children's Theories – Margie Carter and Deb Curtis. 28 minutes

Learn with Reggio-inspired child care teachers as they probe to discover their young students' questions and theories, offer a range of art media and experiences in order to explore these questions and theories, and involve the students' families.

### 3. Right From the Start, A Guide to Hiring, Orienting and Supporting Teachers for Reflective Practices (an interactive multimedia DVD) - Margie Carter and Deb Curtis

Right from the Start is an interactive multi-media DVD designed to support administrators in the challenging work of hiring, orienting and supporting teachers to become reflective and intentional in their work. Five easy to navigate menus include detailed descriptions of administrative practices, sample documents, Powerpoint presentations, video clips, and readings used to welcome and nurture teachers to grow into their full potential at the Reggio-inspired, internationally-recognized Hilltop Children's Center in Seattle, Washington.

### 4. Getting Kids in Sync, Sensory Motor Activities to Help Children Develop Body Awareness and Integrate their senses - Carol Kranowitz. 26 minutes

In this lively DVD, Carol Kranowitz demonstrates SAFE (Sensory-Motor, Appropriate, Fun and Easy) activities with the help of the children of St. Columba's Nursery School in Washington, DC. This is a great DVD for any parent, teacher, or childcare provider looking for quick-and-easy ideas for incorporating sensory-motor activities into a child's day. The children's demonstrations make the activities easy to understand, while Carol's explanation clarify the sensory benefits of the activities, the many ways they can be used, and how children on differing developmental levels may respond.

5. Sensory Integration - TCU Institute of Child Development. Lecture portion: 1 hour, 24 minutes. Q & A section: 46 minutes

A key element of typical development is the capacity to process and regulate environmental input. Sadly, children who have experienced prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol, early trauma, abuse, or neglect are at high-risk for sensory disorders. In this lecture, developmental psychologist and Director of the TCU Institute of Child Development, Dr. Karyn Purvis, explains risk factors and warning signs for Sensory Processing Disorders and offers practical interventions for parents and professionals. This DVD features a Q & A session that explores common questions about sensory disorders.

6. A Sensory World, Making Sense of Sensory Disorders - TCU Institute of Child Development

This educational video offers insights about how sensory processing disorders make it difficult for many children to function at home and school, and can be the underlying cause of behavioral problems. Parents and professionals will learn to recognize signs of sensory disorders and will learn practical strategies for coping with them. Child development researchers Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross, and Carol Kranowitz, author of *The Out-of-Sync Child*, provide a number of playful activities to help children improve their self-esteem and overcome everyday struggles that hamper their success.

7. The Tricycle Solution, Teachable Moments for Parents and Preschoolers featuring Effie Kuriloff – Marcia Jarmel and Ken Schneider 30 minutes

This is a documentary film shot over the course of a year at a cooperative nursery school. The film shows children, parents, and teachers experiencing a spectrum of interactions and emotions as they arise in the course of a school day. You will observe children playing, creating, discovering, crying, fighting, and resolving their disagreements. These scenes are accompanied by comments from school director Effie Kuriloff, who practices a way of working with children and parents together that is both child- and parent-centered.

8. Unconditional Parenting, Moving from Rewards and Punishments to Love and Reason -

Alfie Kohn 2 Hours

Most advice for parents begins with the question "How can we get kids to do what they're told?" - and then proceeds to offer various techniques for controlling them. In his landmark book *Unconditional Parenting* - and in this talk based on that book - Alfie Kohn begins instead by asking "What are our long-term goals for our children?" It follows that we need to work with them rather than doing things to them, in order to reach those goals.

Kohn argues that punishments (including time-outs) and rewards (including positive reinforcement) may sometimes produce temporary compliance, but they do nothing to help kids grow into responsible, caring, ethical, happy people. Moreover, he suggests that permissiveness is less worrisome than a fear of permissiveness that leads us to over-control our children. Kohn concludes with ten important guidelines to help viewers reconnect to their own best instincts as parents.

9. I Am Clay, The Power of Natural Clay in Early Childhood Development - Kathleen Bailer 30 minutes

An educational documentary about the value of working with clay for the emotional, creative, intellectual and physical development of young children. This enlightening and captivating educational documentary is about the value of natural clay as a material through which preschool, kindergarten and special education children can explore their own creativity, focus their energy, shape their ideas, express emotions and further their development. Through the lens of early childhood experts, the film presents current research on child development and includes information about clay