R2K: Research 2012 ~ Early Development, Sensory Integration and Movement

Featured Speaker Spotlight:

Grace Baranek, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
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Parent-Mediated Interventions for infants at Risk for Autism:
Outcomes from the Early Development Project

Pediatric Therapy network is pleased to highlight Dr. Grace Baranek, Professor of Occupational Therapy and Department of Allied Health Sciences Associate Chair for Research at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy at University of Illinois at the Medical Center and her MA and Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Baranek’s research focuses on early identification of sensory processing and social-communication features in children with autism. Her work demonstrates the importance of including sensory processing as well as social-communication risk factors for early identification of autism and related developmental disorders. Dr. Baranek is Principal Investigator (PI) of the Sensory Experiences Project, funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, as well as the Early Development Project, a treatment study for infants at-risk for various developmental concerns, including autism. She is also a fellow with the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and is a co-author of the First Year Inventory, a new screening tool for 12
month old infants.

Dr. Baranek presented at our very first R2k conference. We are thrilled to have her back again for 2012. We know her research will be especially relevant for clinicians seeking greater understanding of children through evidenced-based pediatric assessment and family-centered care. Her interdisciplinary translational research connects novel scientific discoveries to practical applications for clinical assessment and intervention.

The following readings are recommended to facilitate greater awareness of her work in preparation for her presentation at R2K:


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