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BEYOND CHECKLISTS: Assessing Infants Born Preterm

Presented by

Jan McElroy, PT, PhD, PCS, C/NDT

Sunday October 28, 2018

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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169-07 Jewel Avenue, Flushing NY 11365

Course provides 6 Professional Development Hrs for NYS DOH Early Intervention Providers
0.6 ASHA CEUs, 6.0 NBCOT PDUs, 7.2 NYPTA CEUs, 6.0 NJBPTE CEUs, 6.0 NYSED CEUs for Social Workers

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Course Description: Infants born preterm are wonderful little babies; however, they present special challenges to those of us tasked with assessment post NICU discharge. Their overall development and daily skills can be typical...but different. The standardized tests and checklists we often use for assessing development in full term infants have been shown to be inadequate for assessing the needs of infants born preterm. So what can we do?

In this course we will explore assessment approaches that fit the special needs of infants born preterm and their families. You will learn how body system differences emerge and impact their developmental outcomes. Through videos and group activities you will be given the opportunity to hone those observational skills so critical for high quality assessment. Common assessment tools will be examined from an evidence-based perspective. Whether you are working in a follow-up setting or assessing in the home or hospital, this course will give you essential skills for examining infants born preterm and their ability to flourish in the home or hospital environment.

Who May Attend: Course material is appropriate for all early intervention professionals involved in assessing and treating post NICU preterm babies.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, Participants will be able to:

1. Assess the infant's state control as it impacts his/her ADLs, family bonding, and brain development in very young infants born preterm.
2. Differentiate between body system difficulties that will and will not interfere with current and future functioning of the infant born preterm.
3. Assess the preterm infant's motor development and link it to future motor skills, attention, and behavior.
4. Select assessment tools that are age appropriate and sensitive enough for use with infants born preterm.

About Jan McElroy: Jan McElroy is a physical therapist with over 40 years of experience with assessing and treating infants. She received her BS in physical therapy at the University of Missouri and her masters and PhD in Pediatric Science from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. Jan has extensive experience in the NICU, hospital acute peds, follow up clinics, outpatient pediatrics, and early intervention. Currently she has a private practice in Columbia, Missouri and serves infants in their homes through early intervention. She is faculty in the pediatric transitional DPT program at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions and co-directs the Annual Pediatrics Institute for Education Courses in NICU and Early Intervention. Jan is adjunct faculty in the department of Health Psych at the University of Missouri serving on the Maternal Child health/LEND grant for interdisciplinary training. Jan served as an assistant instructor in NDT 8 week Certificate courses and 2-3 week NDT Baby Certificate courses. Her short continuing education courses currently focus on infants born preterm, infant development, ambulation in infants, gait, and serial casting. Jan's research consists of studies of infant kicking movement, "tummy time", gait in children with autism, and the relationship between spasticity and gait in children with CP.

Seminar Registration available on our website: Challenge-ei.com.

For Assistance call 718-851-3300 ext 155.

Registration fee includes CEUs, handout materials, light breakfast and lunch.

All food is Kosher, under supervision of Vaad Harabonim of Queens

Individual: \$225.00

Group of 2-4: \$205.00/person

Group of 5+: \$195.00/person

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(Must be currently working with children through Challenge or have done so in the past 3 years.)

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