

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### USC/WPS Offers Assistance to SII Training Course Participants

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On June 22, 2007 the Superior Court of California in Los Angeles ordered Sensory Integration International (SII) to cease conducting any and all business in the United States pending the outcome of an ongoing civil case. The order to halt is part of litigation, *People v. Sensory Integration International*, filed against SII on July 31, 2006, by the Attorney General of the State of California. The legal actions by the State of California have brought to a halt the alleged unscrupulous and unethical activities involving SII, and consequently the Sensory Integration training courses they provided.

At the request of many therapists, the University of Southern California (USC) and Western Psychological Services (WPS) have agreed to work with those individuals whose training was interrupted to help them complete their SI certification through the USC/WPS Comprehensive Program in Sensory Integration. However, there are significant differences between the SII program and the USC/WPS program that make it impossible to simply accept a course-for-course transfer. That is not to say the SII courses were deficient in the training they offered, rather it addresses the fact that their certification process required fewer training hours than the USC/WPS program and that difference must be made up before a USC/WPS certification can be earned.

The USC/WPS Comprehensive Program consists of four 5-day courses with 30 contact hours per course.

Course 1: The Sensory Integration Perspective

Course 2: Specialized Techniques for Measuring Sensory Integration

Course 3: From Interpretation to Intervention

Course 4: Sensory Integration Intervention

These courses cover SI theory, Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests (SIPT) administration, test interpretation, and intervention. To be eligible for the USC/WPS Certification in Sensory Integration, a total of 120 contact hours of direct instruction must be completed. In addition, a peer review of SIPT administration, clinical observations, and Sensory Processing Measure administration to 3 typical children and 2 children with suspected difficulties are required for certification.

For a limited time, occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech and language pathologists who have completed one or more SIPT certification courses through SII within the last five years are eligible to complete their certification in Sensory Integration through USC/WPS. Depending on the nature and extent of prior training through SII, up to two USC/WPS courses leading to certification may be waived; however, it is required that all SII transfers seeking SI Certification attend USC/WPS Courses 1 and 4, without exception (See Conditions of Waiver below). In addition, a 10% discount on course registration fees will be given to SII transfers. Registration into USC/WPS Sensory Integration courses must be completed by December 2009 to be eligible for the discount and course waiver. Proof of completion of SII courses such as a certificate of attendance is necessary.

Conditions of Waiver:

- SII course participants who have completed the SII test administration course within the last five years are eligible to receive a Course 2 waiver (upon proof of completion of 30 contact hours) and a 10% discount on registrations into our Sensory Integration courses. In order to apply for certification through the USC/WPS Comprehensive Program in Sensory Integration these individuals are required to complete Courses 1, 3 & 4, purchase the Course 2 scoring and training DVD package at the time of registration for Course 3 or 4 and complete all related requirements prior to submitting your application for certification.

- SII course participants who have completed the theory, test administration and interpretation courses, or have already completed SII SIPT Certification within the last five years, are eligible to receive a Course 2 & Course 3 waiver (upon proof of completion of all three courses) and a 10% discount on registrations into our Sensory Integration courses. In order to apply for certification through the USC/WPS Comprehensive Program in Sensory Integration these individuals are required to complete Courses 1 & 4, purchase the Course 2 scoring and training DVD package at the time of registration for Course 3 or 4, and complete all related requirements prior to submitting your application for certification.

Courses are offered regularly in locations across the U.S. as well as countries such as Canada, Austria, Greece, Finland, Columbia, Peru, Argentina, Chile, South Africa, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, and Jordan.

USC and WPS understand the vital role therapists play in the lives of the children and families of the children they treat. We are also aware of the importance for the international community of professionals involved in Sensory Integration to maintain the highest standards of treatment for the children. We are committed to helping support those professionals in their quest for specialized education that meets high professional standards and increases the positive effect of their work.

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