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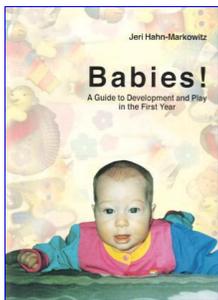
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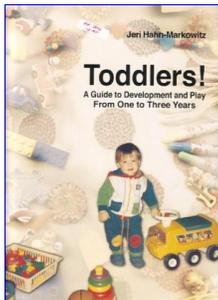
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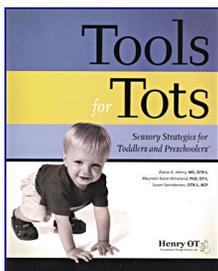
• Early Intervention: How Far We Have Come



In the early 1970's as a young and enthusiastic occupational therapist working at Kiwanis Children's Center in Milwaukee, WI, I treated children with developmental disabilities and cerebral palsy ([see biographical note](#)). We followed a medical model providing outpatient therapy for the children without much involvement with the family, i.e we never treated in the home. Our knowledge was primitive as was our treatment methods and none of it was evidence-based. We did not call it early intervention, but that is what it was.



Now fast forward 40 years to Therapro's January Seminar [Early Intervention Today, School Tomorrow...What You Need to Know](#) by [Barbara Collins, OTR/L](#), Clinical Director of the Massachusetts Brockton Early Childhood Intervention Program. [Click here](#) for Filomena's review of the seminar. So much has changed. First, our therapy is now informed by recent advances in neuroscience. Treatment now involves the families of children at-risk and parents are instructed in providing carry over in the home.



Finally, there is the force of public law governed by the IDEA Act (Part C), a Federal Grant Program which mandates that all States provide early intervention for children under 3 years of age and their families. Each State has considerable flexibility in meeting the law's requirements. To see how the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has implemented the law, [click here](#).

*Karen Conrad Weihrauch, PhD, OTR/L
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Featured Products

[Rody the Riding Horse](#)

This durable inflatable develops balance reactions and rhythmical movement while positioning a child to promote sitting alignment.



[Sound Puzzle Box](#)

Three different shapes, circle, square or triangle fit into 3 different clear tubes. Kids are motivated to fit the correct shape into the tube to watch it fall and hear the amusing sound.



[Mirror Maze](#)

This fun house is cozy to crawl through, has an open top, and clever, acrylic mirror, which is angled to enable a child at one end to see someone at the other.



[Textured Spoons](#)

A single tool that combines oral-motor stimulation along with feeding.



[Knobby Qs \(2 pack\)](#)

Offers a flexible and bumpy surface, perfect for new teeth getting ready to start chewing foods.



[Baby Buzz'R](#)

This toy blinks its eyes, vibrates, plays classical melodies, and its "ears" are teething.



Seminars

All seminars are free, and are held Saturdays from 9-11 AM in our Showroom.

Upcoming confirmed events:

Details on all Therapro offerings can be found at www.therapro.com and [our blog](#). You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#) or [contact us](#) with any feedback or questions.

• Where Are We Going to Be?



It's hard to talk about travel on a day when the snow is falling, the airport is closed, the streets are a mess and it's only 6 days since the last blizzard, one of the five biggest winter storms ever recorded in Massachusetts. But, here is our early Spring schedule:



- February 14, 2015, [Toy Fair](#), Javits Center, New York City. This is our chance to look for new toys that can be re-purposed to meet a therapeutic need.
- March 7, 2015, [Federation for Children with Special Needs Conference & Expo](#), Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA
- April 8-11, 2015, [Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo](#), San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA
- April 16-19, 2015, [American Occupational Therapy Association Convention & Expo](#), Music City Center, Nashville, TN

• Sale Bin



Browse through our [Sale Bin](#) for some great deals on discontinued or overstocked items. We update this frequently, so check back often!

February 28, 2015

[Therapro's Assessments Series I: Visual Processing/Visual Perception](#)

Speaker: Karen Conrad Weihrauch, PhD, OTR/L

March 14, 2015

[Working with Feeding Problems in the School Setting](#)

Speaker: Lisa van Gorder, OTR/L, CEIS

April 25, 2015

[Supporting Kids through The Brain Fit Model](#)

Speakers: Pamela Formosa, MA OTR/L, Licensed Brain Gym Consultant and Christina Schlupf, MA, Educator License, ABA Technician

May 16, 2015

[Combining the Listening Program with Reflex Integration to Maximize Progress](#)

Speakers: Pamela Formosa, MA OTR/L, Licensed Brain Gym Consultant and Christina Schlupf, MA, Educator License, ABA Technician

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