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## ● Pam Formosa's Two-Part Seminar, Developing the Brain from the Bottom Up, Concludes on May 16, 2015

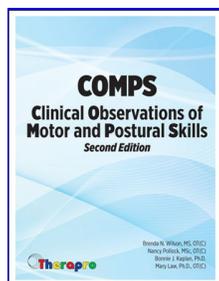


On April 25th, Pam Formosa, MA, OTR/L and [Certified Brain Gym Consultant](#) provided the first of her two-part seminar, [Developing the Brain from the Bottom Up! Addressing fears, anxieties, focus, and self-regulation issues with children and adolescents](#). You can read a review of Part 1 at [Filomena's Corner](#) and view video excerpts at [our YouTube channel](#). Pam's approach to treating dysfunction is based on the recognition that primitive reflexes have a profound effect on behavior and higher functions, including learning.



This is very interesting to me. I was reminded that these same ideas were also at the core of [A. Jean Ayres](#) as she developed her theory of sensory integration. As a matter of fact, Dr. Ayres developed her clinical observations of motor and postural control. Later, a group of occupational therapists in Canada took her information, transferred it into a norm-referenced assessment, [Clinical Observations of Motor and Postural Skills-Second Edition \(COMPS-2\)](#) which is published by Therapro. It tests six of the clinical observations outlined by Ayres: Asymmetrical Tonic Neck Reflex (ATNR-measuring tools are included), Prone Extension Pattern (tonic neck labyrinthine -TNR), Slow Movements, Rapid Forearm Rotation, Supine Flexion (also tonic neck labyrinthine-TNR), and Finger-Nose Touching. It is designed to assess children with subtle motor coordination problems for ages 5 years to 15 years. A norm-referenced evaluation is important for several reasons; first to identify which primitive reflexes are involved and second, to follow progress and improvements from treatment - essential ingredients in

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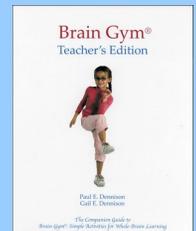
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## Featured Products

### Brain Gym Teacher's Guide

A Companion Guide to Brain Gym: Simple Activities for Whole-Brain Learning. Revised in 2010, this new version has been greatly expanded.



### Minute Moves

This is the hands-on, real life classroom management of S'Cool Moves for Learning theory book. Includes DVD.



### Courageous Pacers Program Complete Kit

Includes the Manual, Gross Motor Skills in the Classroom, 1 Courageous Pacers Chart and the Courageous Pacers Flipbook.



## Seminars

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

Upcoming confirmed events:

**May 16, 2015**

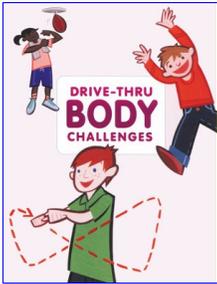
demonstrating an evidence basis.

*Karen Conrad Weihrauch, PhD, OTR/L  
President, Therapro*

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## ● May's Activity of the Month



Therapro's Activity for the Month of May: [Math Fact Moves](#)

Send us your photos and we will use them on our website!

Use the hashtag **#therapro** for photos on Facebook and Twitter.

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## ● By Invitation Only

### [I Can Work](#)

On May 7th, Boston Public Schools held their 2nd Assistive Technology Fair for teachers, parents, therapists and members of the community. Angie Mahoney, a special education and Therapro author, was invited to present her [I Can Work Program](#). Angie was gratified to hear that several teachers were using the program with great success and others felt inspired by the presentation to try the Program. For more information on I Can Work, [follow Angie on Facebook](#) - it is a treat!

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## ● Conclusion of 2014-2015 Saturday Morning Series



With Pam Formasa's May 16th seminars we conclude this year's Saturday Seminar series. We will be back in August with a complete roster of excellent speakers and subject matter beginning with Valorie Todd, MS, OTR/L speaking on *OT Rubrics for Fine Motor, Visual Motor and Handwriting Skills*. All seminars are reviewed on Filomena's Corner with highlights shown on YouTube.

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## ● Sale Bin

### **[The Listening Program and Reflex Integration: A powerful combination!](#)**

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

### **August, 2015**

### **[OT Rubrics for Fine Motor, Visual Motor and Handwriting Skills.](#)**

Speaker: Valorie Todd, MS, OTR/L

### **September 19, 2015**

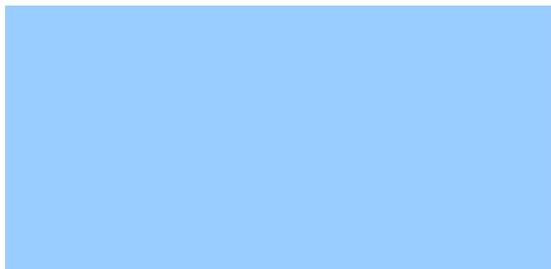
### **[A Sensory Perspective on Helping Adolescents and Young Adults Learn to Deal with Difficult Emotions](#)**

Speaker: Karen Moore, OTR/L, author of the Sensory Connection Program

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