



# FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM



**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021

**Topic:** Sensory 101: Supporting Positive Behaviors in Early Childhood

This presentation will provide participants with an introduction to sensory processing and regulation for early childhood. Following the presentation, participants will better understand the terminology and be able to describe the various ways that sensory processing impacts daily life. Participants will learn strategies to support improved regulation and positive behaviors for social play, self-care skills, communication, and learning. The presentation will also cover strategies for developing a sensory-savvy schedule, as well as understanding how to create a supportive environment, both at home and in the classroom.

**Presenter:** Neala Harper OTR/L  
Pediatric Occupational Therapist

Neala Harper is a pediatric occupational therapist (OT) who has served the Denver Metro since 2010. After completing a two-year LEND fellowship at the University of Colorado, she worked as an instructor with ENRICH, the early intervention team with JFK Partners at the University of Colorado. While at JFK Partners, Neala provided supervision for OT students and Fellows, was a member of the Autism Assessment Team, and also worked as the OT at The Joshua School in Boulder, Colorado. Neala is passionate about supporting families and their little ones in all stages of early development and specializes in sensory regulation, motor development, and feeding. In 2020, Neala left her position at JFK Partners to start her own private practice. Her OT practice is Babybird OT and she serves families with infants and young children up to 4 years of age. With a special interest in the NICU-to-home transition, Neala also currently serves as Co-Chair of the NICU Consortium of Colorado. She celebrates all families on their unique path in raising little ones.



## ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 889 8615 5050

Passcode: 419084

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986155050?pwd=Ri90QUZZaVF5dkU3SFdkK2pObFNOUT09>

Voice interpretation will be available.

## FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

1:00 - 2:00 PM MST

Free monthly live virtual workshop hosted by Rocky Mountain Deaf School Toddler Program team.

## PARTICIPANTS:

This workshop is free for families of birth-5 years old Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.

Educators, Early Intervention Team, and Professionals are also welcome to participate.

## SPECIAL THANKS:



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services  
Colorado Commission for the Deaf,  
Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind

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## QUESTIONS?

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## NEXT MONTH WORKSHOP:

Friday, May 7, 2021

