

ABOUT TARA DELANEY, MS, OTR

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Tara Delaney is a nationally known child development expert who specializes in sensory processing, autism spectrum disorders, and social/behavioral issues. She is the author of two books: *The Sensory Processing Disorder Answer Book* (Sourcebooks) and *101 Games and Activities for Children with Autism, Asperger's and Sensory Processing Disorders* (McGraw-Hill).

An active occupational therapist, Ms. Delaney has over twenty years experience in her field with advanced training and education in the practices of sensory integration, therapeutic listening, visual-perception, and visual-vestibular integration. She holds a Masters of Science in Therapeutic Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Texas Health Science Center. She interned at The Waisman Center in Madison and was selected to participate in the leadership program sponsored by The Mother and Child Welfare Grant. She is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Occupational Therapy Association of California, and the International Adoption Family Network Organization.

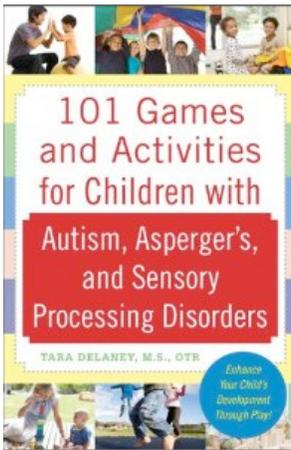
A noted consultant and popular seminar speaker, Ms. Delaney works closely with educators and school administrators to create integrated learning environments in classrooms and to provide parents with strategies and skills that foster continued development for their children at home. Her Making Sense-ory® programs are in high demand among educational, parenting, and therapy organizations.

Ms. Delaney is the Founder/Executive Director of School Steps Inc., a company that provides special education services and in depth training to school districts. School Steps Inc. is contracted regularly by school districts for services that include speech therapy, educational psychology, occupational therapy, and school nursing services. She is also the Founder/Executive Director of Baby Steps Therapy, a nonprofit clinical practice focused on helping every child achieve his or her greatest potential in the classroom and beyond.

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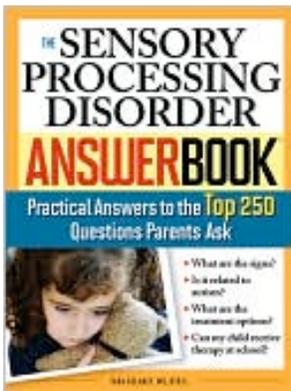
BOOKS

BOOKS BY TARA DELANEY



101 Games and Activities for Children with Autism, Asperger's, and Sensory Processing Disorders McGraw-Hill Trade Publishing, 2009

Play is one of the most dynamic ways children learn. For those with autism, Asperger's, and sensory processing disorders, play provides a non-stressful medium through which children can learn specific skills for future social and academic success. Tara Delaney presents activities of varying levels of difficulty that stimulate both the brain and body. These interactive games are quick to learn and will provide hours of fun and learning for your child. And many of the games can be played indoors or outdoors, so your child can enjoy them at home, outside, or anywhere.



The Sensory Processing Disorder Answer Book **Practical Questions to the Top 250 Questions Parents Ask Most** Sourcebooks, 2008

It is estimated that more than 10% of children deal with some form of sensory processing disorder (SPD), a neurological disorder characterized by the misinterpretation of everyday sensory information, such as touch, sound, and movement. For many children, SPD can lead to academic struggles, behavioral problems, difficulties with coordination, and other issues. This book is a reassuring, authoritative reference, providing sound advice and immediate answers to the most pressing questions parents ask, helping them to fully understand SPD, conquer their fears, and seek help for their child when necessary.

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SEMINAR SERIES

MAKING SENSE-ORY®

With Tara Delaney, MS OTR, Child Development Expert and Author

The **Making Sense-ory®** seminar series explores the powerful connection between sensory processing and topics such as autism, behavior, and learning. Created and led by respected child development expert, Tara Delaney, each seminar delivers innovative, groundbreaking strategies that provide the necessary framework for helping children and adults reach their highest potential.

The most popular and requested topics include:

Making Sense-ory of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Discover the underlying impact of sensory processing difficulties for children/adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and learn ways to use sensory strategies to aid individuals with ASD towards increased academic and social success.

Making Sense-ory of Behavior

Learn about the link between sensory processing and behavior. Discover the tools that can help you differentiate behaviors that have a sensory component from those that are learned. Find out how to create simple behavior support plans and how to implement strategies—both in the classroom and at home—that enable children to overcome roadblocks to success.

Making Sense-ory of Learning

Discover how sensory processing impacts the learning process and how to use sensory strategies to aide children academically. Learn the subtle variances between the ways male vs. female-differentiated brains process information. Gain insight into how the left and right brain contribute to how children learn. Having a basic understanding of brain development and “brain differences” will aide in helping children in the classroom and at home.

Making Sense-ory of Social Intelligence

Discover how sensory processing and communication set the stage for social intelligence. Recognize the early signs of children who struggle with these issues. Gain knowledge of how to use sensory strategies to aid children for increased success academically and socially, as well as ways to promote the development of social intelligence.

Other Making Sense-ory seminars include:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Bonding, Classroom Strategies, Handwriting, International Adoption, Language, and Play.

Available in half day, full day, or two-day formats

Seminars are geared toward groups of 30 to 100 attendees, including professionals working in private practice or school settings, as well as parents and other caregivers.

All Seminars are approved for Continuing Education Credits

- Teachers • Administrators • Counselors • Social Workers • Family Therapists • Psychologists
- Speech-Language Pathologists • Occupational Therapists • Physical Therapists
- Other Behavioral Health and Medical Professionals

To attend an upcoming program or schedule one in your area,
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NONPROFIT CLINICAL PRACTICE

Baby Steps THERAPY

Baby Steps Therapy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on helping every child achieve his or her individual potential in the classroom, at home, and in life.

Baby Steps works with children and their families who struggle with challenges that include:

- Sensory Integration and Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Development delays
- Learning challenges and disabilities
- Language difficulties and delays
- Phonological processes and articulation disorders
- Dyspraxia (motor planning difficulties)
- Degenerative disorders
- Social skills deficits
- Apraxia
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cognitive processing



Devoted to the highest quality of care, Baby Steps therapists possess advanced training in a broad range of areas and stay abreast of the best practices in the field. Their strengths-based interdisciplinary approach to therapy helps instill parents with strategies and skills that foster continued development for their children in the home setting and integrate seamlessly with their entire family.

For more information, visit www.babystepstherapy.com.

SCHOOL-BASED THERAPY SERVICES



School Steps, Inc. provides an array of special education services to schools and school districts throughout California. Services include independent assessments, staff training, and contract services to provide occupational therapy, speech therapy, educational psychology, and school nursing.

School Steps, Inc. helps schools create a rich, integrated learning environment for all students by offering teachers—and parents—the information and tools they need to assure that each child develops to his or her potential.

Areas of specialty include:

- Sensory integration
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Development delays
- Other learning challenges or disabilities



Key services provided include:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech & Language Pathology
- Educational Psychology
- Special Education Teachers
- School Nursing
- Program Specialists

In addition, School Steps Inc. offers administrative consulting, IEP compliance, and computer training. Customized educator conferences and seminars are also available.

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