## PuzzleArt Therapy Training Conference

# Hands-On Functional Visual Skills Training Program for Therapists

**TUESDAY, NOV 14, 2023** 

Lindenhurst, NY featuring

PuzzleArtist Alli Berman, MA, PAT, PhD candidate and Melissa K. Gerber, OTD, OTR/L

#### Introducing the PuzzleArt™ Therapy System

The first therapy to combine Binocular, Perceptual, Oculomotor and PuzzleArt™ Sensory Protocols using hands-on abstract art.

A six credit hours / full day training with overview of the functional visual, thinking, sensory and oculomotor skills needed for success, and the hands-on progressive therapy system which can help improve them.

### Begin Using New Therapeutic Tools and Techniques the Very Next Day



#### 6 Credit Hour\*, Full Day Training:

\*NYSOTA Approved Provider.
Also fulfills Level One Requirement for the
PuzzleArt™ Therapist Certification

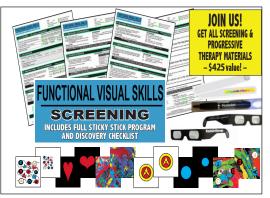
#### 7:40 - 8:00

#### **Registration and Networking**

Bring business cards and connect to peers in Occupational Therapy and other fields.

#### 8:00 -9:30

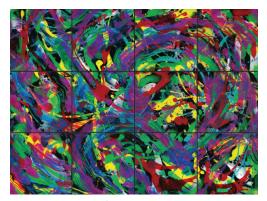
Overview: Visual Skills, Terminology and the PuzzleArt™ Checklist for Visual Skills Learn the visual skills necessary for success in the classroom or clinic and our screening.



#### 9:30 -10:15

### Introduction to PuzzleArt™ concepts and PuzzleArt™ Therapy products

Work with PuzzleArt products individually and in groups. Practice using our Discovery Checklist and Sticky Stick screening program.



10:15-10:30 Coffee/ snack break

#### 10:30 -11:15

PuzzleArt™ Therapy System – Hands-on training w/Challenge Grids Engage with different PuzzleArt™ products, paintings and strategies which help develop a variety of important perceptual skills. No art ability necessary.

### 11:15 - 12:00 Lunch and Q&A for individual cases

#### 12:00 -12:30

Practice our special sensory techniques.



#### 12:30 -1:15

PuzzleArt™ Skill Builders and the proprioceptive differences for wall and table
Learn how to use a variety of different
Skill Builders and Scan & Spot for near/far
focus work, discrimination, tracking, coordination, and sensory PuzzleArt™ Protocols.
Explore Solo Play and Partner Play.

#### 1:15 -2:00

Explore all our Activity Books, Card Pack, Track & Match, and Find & Tap progressive activities and programs. Receive one year of our Visual Skills Professional Development Library Learn some of our hundreds of activities.

#### 2:00 -2:40

Tactile Play with Original PuzzleArt™ WallWorks and TableWorks
Explore the colorful and fun original interactive art that is at the core of the PuzzleArt™ Therapy System.

2:40-3:00 Summary / closing remarks

### Our PuzzleArt<sup>™</sup> Therapy Training Conference Presenters



#### PuzzleArtist Alli Berman, MA, PAT

Artist, Author and Educator for 45+ years, Berman created her interactive PuzzleArt™ in 1990 to help others. Founder of Anti-Aging Art and Brain Fitness Art. One million people have benefited from her arts, professional development, therapy, creativity and educational programs. In museums, galleries and corporate + private collections worldwide. BA/Edu + BA/Art Stony Brook Univ, MS/Abt Pratt Institute, received MA and Doctoral candidate Gateway University. Berman developed PuzzleArt Therapy with Susan Fisher, OD



#### Melissa K. Gerber, otd, otr/L

Dr. Melissa K. Gerber is a seasoned and respected clinician with extensive experience in pediatrics. She began her career in Adult/Pediatric inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation and acute care.

Currently, she has been working for the Great Neck Public Schools for the past 21 years. She is president of 4MYKIDSOT, a private practice where she provides therapy and evaluations. Dr. Gerber has presented at Education Resources, Therapies in the Schools on Visual Processing: Treat, Remediate, Refer. She has presented at Therapies in the schools in 2016 as the keynote speaker and presented on Aligning Motor needs with Educational Goals.

She is enthusiastic to share her experiences providing strategies that can be incorporated immediately. She is affiliated with PuzzleArt Therapy, and enjoys sharing this program.



### Susan Fisher, OD (optional presenter - in person or on zoom)

Dr. Fisher is a developmental optometrist in practice for over 35 years in Westbury, NY. She is a Past President of the New York State Optometric Association. Dr. Fisher received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the SUNY College of Optometry. Her office provides low vision services as well as treating patients with acquired brain injury and special needs. Fisher helped Alli Berman develop the PuzzleArt Therapy System in 2009.

**516.695.3110** 

### Our PuzzleArt™ Therapy Training Program & Products

PuzzleArt™ and PuzzleArt™ Therapy products are used in private and military hospitals, clinics, universities, schools, therapy offices, and rehabilitation

PuzzleArt™ Therapy training is 6 credit hours of hands-on fun



centers throughout the US and in 16 other countries for

- ADD / ADHD
  - Alzheimer's
- Anti Aging
- Brain Fitness
- Dementia
- Developmental Delay
- Occupational Therapy
- Strabismus Therapy
- Sports Therapy
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Vision Therapy
- more . . .



#### **Goals and Objectives**

#### **Participants will:**

**Define** visual perception, executive function, visual motor, oculomotor, binocular, sensory skills **Identify** the PuzzleArt™ products that will help develop and improve functional visual skills **Conduct** a quick functional visual screening to be used in conjunction with clinical assessment and standardized tests as well as three PuzzleArt™ Sensory Protocols **Explain** the relationship of functional visual skills to reading, writing and daily life skills **Integrate** therapeutic skills using a minimum of six PuzzleArt™ Therapy products

#### \*NYSOTA & others:

Apply this new form of integrative functional visual skills therapy to current practice

\*Approved Provider six credit hours of training will give OTs, PTs and other therapists the tools, techniques and materials to begin screening and treating both children and adults with a variety of abilities.

Use the PuzzleArt<sup>™</sup>Therapy System concepts and products immediately in your practice.

PuzzleArt Therapy System products provided in the 6 credit hours training conference. Participants take home our PuzzleArt Therapist Training Kit and Starter Program. Can be used immediately for screening and interventions:

- PuzzleArt Discovery Checklist Screening for Functional Visual Skills+ our StickyStick Program
- PuzzleArt Challenge Grid 3x3 improves 20 skills including form constancy, discrim + 3D
- PuzzleArt programs / hundreds of activities: Track & Match, Find & Tap, and Skill Builders
- → Brain Builders Nation: Build your Professional Library with a sampling of our visual activities.
- Training day materials in handy binder

**Total Value Materials \$425.00** 

#### **Cost of the PuzzleArt Therapist Training Program**

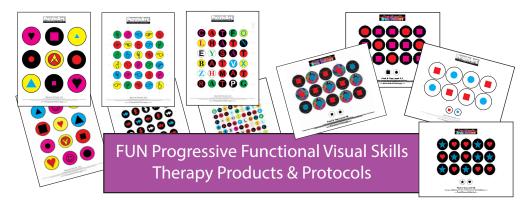
See registration form for early bird and other discounts.

The \*six credit hours of training includes:

- Networking, handouts and \$425.00 of PuzzleArt products
- Individual cases can be discussed with our professionals
- Use the program with your population with new materials the very next day
- Learn a new technique, broaden your functional visual skills training, and help your client/patient/student populations in an innovative, colorful and fun way

Frameable Certificate of Level One completion presented at end of the course.

#### **REGISTER TODAY - CALL 516.695.3110**



### PuzzleArt Therapy Training Conference

### Hands-On Functional Visual Skills Training Program for Therapists

- Register Early - Space Limited -

Six Credit Hours of Hands-On Training in Each Certification Program:

Tuesday Nov 14, 2023 8:00am - 3:00pm

#### Lindenhurst, NY

Exact address emailed with registration materials - FREE PARKING -

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