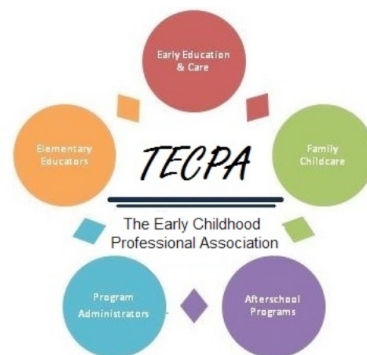


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Sensory Processing: The Art of Understanding Behavior

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Sensory Processing is foundational to how we learn about our bodies, engage with the environment, interact with others, make meaning out of activities, produce motor responses, and participate in learning. It also has direct links with our regulation and influences our behavior. Yet, deciphering Sensory Processing--and the 8 sensory systems that it includes--can be quite challenging. What does sensory processing actually involve? Why is it so vital for behavior responses, development, and learning? How can you better understand and influence the sensory processing needs of children, students, and ourselves? In our time together we will explore these questions and many more so you will be better equipped to recognize and refer when students need more support, provide accommodations and adaptations, and utilize another tool by which to view behavior!

A native of Illinois, Jamie Chaves attended undergraduate at Bradley University with degrees in Health Science and Psychology, followed by a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She is also the co-author of *The "Why" Behind Classroom Behaviors, PreK-5: Integrative Strategies for Learning, Regulation, and Relationships*, and *Creating Sensory Smart Classrooms*. Much of her knowledge and experience is rooted in sensory integration theory and practice that fundamentally acknowledges that the brain can actually change through repeated stimulation. Dr. Chaves strives to help children be comfortable in his/her body and environment by effectively integrating incoming sensory input (visual, tactile, vestibular, proprioceptive, auditory, and oral). She believes in a play-based, relationship-based approach to therapy that is rooted in regulation. Dr. Chaves also serves as a consultant and trainer educators, learning specialists, therapists, pediatricians, and other health professionals.

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