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## **FROM PLAY TO PLANNING:** Strategies to Share the Development of Executive Function Skills in Young Learners

**SPEAKER: SARAH WARD, M.S., CCC-SLP**

**August 13, 2024 | 11 AM - 2:15 PM EASTERN**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

How soon can you start working on executive function skills? The early education field increasingly is recognizing the importance of developing young children's executive function (EF) skills to support working memory, self control, goal-directed behaviors and academic potential. Our 360 Thinking Executive Function Method is now available to support the development of executive function skills in young children. This approach focuses on working memory, self-control, goal-directed behaviors, and academic potential and has been adapted for use in early childhood classrooms. By developing these fundamental skills in the early years, children will be better equipped to focus, hold, and work with information in mind, filter distractions, and shift flexibly to succeed in school. Our "STOP and PLAY" program offers a variety of strategies to integrate into dramatic play, therapy, and classroom activities to improve situational intelligence, mental imagination, working memory, visual future thinking, time awareness, task visualization, self-regulation, metacognition, and cognitive flexibility.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Special Education teachers, SLPs, OTs, counselors, regular education teachers, administrators, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, PTs, principals, nurses, parents, and anyone who works with someone on the autism spectrum, ADHD, bi-polar, or other learning disabilities or has executive functioning deficits. This course is designed to support staff who work in Early Childhood through Grade 1.

### **LEARNER OBJECTIVES:**

1. Participants will be able to summarize the relationship between situational awareness, episodic future thinking and executive function skills.
2. Participants will be able to describe five interventions to improve students' situational awareness
3. Participants will be able to describe five interventions to improve students' future thinking and the related executive function skills of attention, inhibition, self-regulation, and flexible problem-solving.

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## **FROM PLAY TO PLANNING: STRATEGIES TO SHARE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS IN YOUNG LEARNERS**

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### **COURSE OUTLINE**

*(All times are Eastern Time)*

- 11 am - 11:35 am Introductions, Disclosures, Review of Relationship between forethought, situational awareness, and executive function skills.
- 11:35 am - 12:30 pm Overview of the STOP and PLAY practical strategies to develop Executive Function Skills; Developing Situational Awareness
- 12:30 pm - 12:45 pm **Break**
- 12:45 pm - 1:05 pm Developing planning and time awareness
- 1:05 pm - 1:25 pm Developing Robust Verb and Mental State Verb Vocabularies
- 1:25 pm - 2:05 pm Developing Co-Thought Gesture, Episodic Memory and Cognitive Flexibility
- 2:05 pm - 2:15 pm Question and Answer Session



**SARAH WARD, M.S., CCC-SLP**

### **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY**

Sarah Ward has over 25 years of experience in diagnostic evaluations, treatment and case management of children, adolescents and adults with language learning disabilities, nonverbal learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, executive dysfunction, Asperger's disorders and social pragmatics. Her particular specialty is in the assessment and treatment of executive function deficits. Ms. Ward holds a faculty appointment at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions where she provides instruction to graduate level students in the assessment and treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injury and other cognitive communication disorders. A popular speaker, Sarah regularly presents nationally and internationally on the topic of executive functions to a variety of professional and parent organizations, school and lay groups. She has presented to and consulted with over 450 public and private schools in Massachusetts and across the United States. Awards received include the MGH Expertise in Clinical Practice Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Faculty in Excellence Award from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions (2002, 2011).

*Disclosure: Sarah Ward's company Cognitive Connections produces and sells products on her website, which are tools, that support students in developing an internal sense of time. Some of these materials will be referenced in the presentation. Many of these materials can also be purchased at local stores. The website also sells treatment programs and games to develop independent executive function skills. In addition, the website offers many free resources and references. Sarah Ward receives a speaker's fee for presentations. There are no non-financial relationship to disclose.*



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