

**CLEARBROOK and Illinois Early Intervention Training Program
are proud to present**

Dr. Suzi Tortora



Emotions In Motion—Focus on Autism: Using Movement and Nonverbal Cues to Support Development

June 18, 2009

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Clearbrook/Child and Family Connections 6
1835 West Central, Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

- Identify intervention strategies to help children use their own unique internal structures to cope, adapt and respond to the environment.
- Understand the role movements and gestures play in interactions
- Explore Dr. Tortora's method, the *Way of Seeing*, with one of your own families

Dance movement psychotherapy is an effective treatment modality for the observation, assessment and treatment of infants and children with developmental difficulties and delays in all areas. The initial goal is to broaden children's social and communicative base by first helping children experience their movements as communications, enabling exchange and interaction with others. Embedded in this process are sensory integration activities which enable the child to experience and learn about regulating and organizing their sensory system.

Dr. Tortora's approach regards the child's nonverbal behaviors as a form of communication portraying their experiences and sense of self. The interaction between self and spatial environment, observable in personal characteristic movement patterns, displays how children relate, adapt and respond to their environment. In this way children, becomes the catalyst of the therapeutic intervention.

Through the therapeutic process, Dr. Tortora's seeks to uncover and integrate the child's felt-sense memories, concerns and action-based representations of their experiences by translating them into multilevel expressible understandings for the child. As the child receives recognition for their efforts and expressions, then they become receptive to engage in expanded movement exchanges. This mutual sharing of experiences provides a safe environment to explore alternative communicative methods while simultaneously encouraging growth in physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

***Participants are encouraged to bring video clips
or case study material to explore using Dr. Tortora's method.***

***Join us for this fascinating experience!!
Register EARLY—Seating is Limited!! Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2009***

Visit Dr. Tortora's website: www.suzitortora.org



Registration Form-Deadline: June 1, 2009

Dr. Suzi Tortora

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

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Circle all that apply

Credentialing or Continuing Education credit: IL EI ST OT SW PT

Special Needs:

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Send registration to: Becki Peterson

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- CE's available for Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Social Workers