



2004 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference

*“Together, We Make A Difference”*

Professional Development Conference for  
Educators, Therapists and Parents

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday,  
November 7, 8 & 9, 2004

*Holiday Inn Resort & Conference Center  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

# Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 7, 2004

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**12:00-2:00 pm**      **Registration and Reception**

**2:00 pm**      **Introduction** – Auditorium  
**Ron Zapinski**, Chairperson  
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**2:00 – 5:30 pm**      **“Dysphasia and Swallowing Disorders”**  
**Dr. Marc Haxer**, M.A.,CCC  
Speech and Language Pathology  
Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery  
University of Michigan Hospital,  
Ann Arbor, MI

Increase your knowledge of the latest medications, therapies and treatments for POHI/SXI students. Practical strategies that may be implemented into your program will be explored. This presentation will update and enhance your current understanding of dysphasia and swallowing disorders of students.

**3:15 – 3:30 pm**      **Break**

**3:30 - 5:30 pm**      **Dr. Marc Haxer**  
Session Continues

**5:30 pm**      **Free Time**  
Dinner on your own

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*Monday, November 8, 2004*

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**7:30 – 8:15 am**      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
in Boomers

**8:15 – 8:30 am**      **Introduction and Welcome –**  
**Ron Zapinski**, Chairperson  
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*Morning Sessions*

Choose Session 1 **OR** Choose TWO from Sessions 2, 3 or 4

**Session 1**  
**8:30 – 11:45 am**      **“Building a Strong Sensory Foundation for**  
**Classroom Success”**  
**Amy Culpert**, OTR/L  
**Karen Summers**, OTR/L  
Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital  
Lexington, KY

**Please Note:** This session is for the entire morning.

This session will focus on practical ways for teachers to provide appropriate sensory input in the classroom. Participants will be aware of the impact of sensory processing difficulties on a child’s social, motor and cognitive development and be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of sensory processing problems. Useful strategies will be presented to address specific behavioral reactions to sensory processing difficulties.



**Session 2**  
**8:30 – 9:45 am**

**“Tips to Track Student Progress”**

**Christine Clinton-Cali**, M.A., Contract Monitor  
Michigan Department of Education

**Please Note:** This session is not repeated.

The tracking of a student’s progress on goals and objectives can become an overwhelming task. Learn some new methods (and review some old ones) to monitor student progress. Learn how to write goals and objectives to be easily measurable. Bring samples of your goals and objectives to discuss as well as your own monitoring methods to share!

**Session 3**  
**10:15 – 11:45 am**

**“The Status of Statewide POHI/SXI Curriculum”**  
**Wayne Buletza**

Associate Superintendent of Special Education  
Eaton Intermediate School District

**Brian Pianosi**, Principal  
Meadowview School

Eaton Intermediate School District

**Mark DesChaine**, Principal  
Elmer Knopf Learning Center

Genesee Intermediate School District

**Please Note:** This session is not repeated.

This presentation will focus on the status of establishing a statewide curriculum for moderate and severely impaired students. Discussion will include the progress of this curriculum along with current networking efforts between ISD’s for uniformity. Participants will have an opportunity to share their professional ideas of curriculum components for these students.



**Session 4**

**8:30 – 9:45 am**

or

**10:15 – 11:45**

**“Active Learning with SXI Students”**

**Sue Wenstrom**, SXI Teacher

**Jennie Hall**, OT Assistant

Heartwood School

Ingham Intermediate School District

Active learning can trigger creativity in your special needs classroom and encourage participation by your students. Handouts and a power point presentation will show a re-vamped elementary SXI classroom as well as a developed group therapy time with the goal of reaching the whole child. Ideas shared for improving your classroom environment at this presentation can be easily incorporated into your program at very little cost.

**9:45 – 10:15 am**

**Break**

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**10:15 – 11:45 am**

**Session 1 Continues and Sessions 3 or 4**

**11:45 – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch and Networking** in Boomers

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**Luncheon Welcome**

**Bob Cosan**, Director of Special Education

Gratiot-Isabella RESD



## *Afternoon Sessions*

Choose Session 5 **OR** Sessions 6 and 7

### **Session 5**

**1:30 – 4:00 pm**

### **“The Beckman Method of Oral-Motor Sensory Integration”**

**Janel Cicalo, CCC-SPL**

**Eve Marshall, CCC-SPL**

Glen Peters School

Macomb Intermediate School District

**Please Note:** This session is limited to the first 25 registrants and lasts the entire afternoon.

This is an introductory “hands on” workshop for providing assistant movement and stretch reflexes to increase range, strength and control of movement for lips, tongue, cheek and jaw. The exercises presented may help students improve swallowing, facilitate speech movements and reduce drooling. Each participant will learn specific oral motor techniques and practice on one another. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of possible oral motor exercises for teachers, OT’s, PT’s and ST’s. An oral motor kit will be provided to the 25 participants.

### **Session 6**

**1:30 – 2:30 pm**

or

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

### **“Using Low-Tech Tools for Everyday Use”**

**Barbara Warren**

Michigan’s Assistive Technology Resource

St. John, MI

This presentation will focus on the myriad of inexpensive low-tech tools available for daily use. Ideas for creating alternatives to common materials in the classroom will also be explored. Tools and devices will be on-hand and demonstrated. Information on resources to purchase these tools will be available. Visit Vendor Displays



**Session 7**

**1:30 – 2:30 pm**

or

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

**“Lots of Ways to Teach Lots of Kids: How Motor Skills Develop and the Connection to Learning”**

**Kathleen Shirk**, M.A., Teacher Consultant  
**Carrie Osborne**, M.A., Teacher Consultant  
Northville Public Schools

This presentation will focus on the incorporation of brain research and readiness. It will stress the importance of developing motor skills as a precursor for academic success. Motor activity and skill develop and its connection to learning will be defined and explored.

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Break**

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**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Sessions 5 Continues and Sessions 6 or 7**

**4:00 – 5:30 pm**

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**5:30 pm**

**Free Time**

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*Tuesday, November 9, 2004*

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**7:45 – 8:00 am**      **Continental Breakfast** in Boomers  
Hotel Checkout

**Morning Welcome**  
**Dr. Suzanne Shellady**, Professor  
Central Michigan University

**8:00 – 11:30 am**      **“Implications of Recent Case Law for Special  
Education Students Especially POHI/SXI”**

**Sharon LaPointe**, J.D.  
LaPointe and Associates P.C.

This presentation will focus on relevant topics for special educators working with POHI/SXI students. Recent legal cases in special education and those rulings will be discussed and interpreted.

**9:45 – 10:00 am**      **Break**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**      **Session Continues**

**11:30 – 1:00 pm**      **Complimentary Networking Luncheon**  
at Winding Brook RESD

Sponsored by Gratiot – Isabella RESD

**Please Note:** Complimentary Networking Luncheon is off-site. Maps will be provided.



# Site Visitations

**Please Note:** Mt. Pleasant High School has limited participation. Your site visitation will be based on the order of registration.

- 1) **Mt. Pleasant High School**  
**Please Note:** Limit 5 participants  
Regular Education Classroom / DynaVox  
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 2) **Mt. Pleasant High School**  
SCI Classroom  
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 3) **Shepard High School**  
SXI Resource Room  
Location is near Luncheon  
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 4) **Mt. Pleasant Center**  
Last Institution Site for Students with CI, Fragile SXI, and Behavioral Disorders  
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 5) **Mid Michigan Industries (MMI)**  
Sheltered Workshop  
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 6) **Central Michigan University Campus**  
Three Sites will be visited:
  - **CMU Student Disability Services**  
**Note:** This visitation includes adaptive technology and services for CMU students with disabilities.
  - **CMU Early Childhood Collaborative**
  - **CMU Physical Therapy Department**  
Mt. Pleasant, MI



# Michigan POHI/SXI Conference Committee

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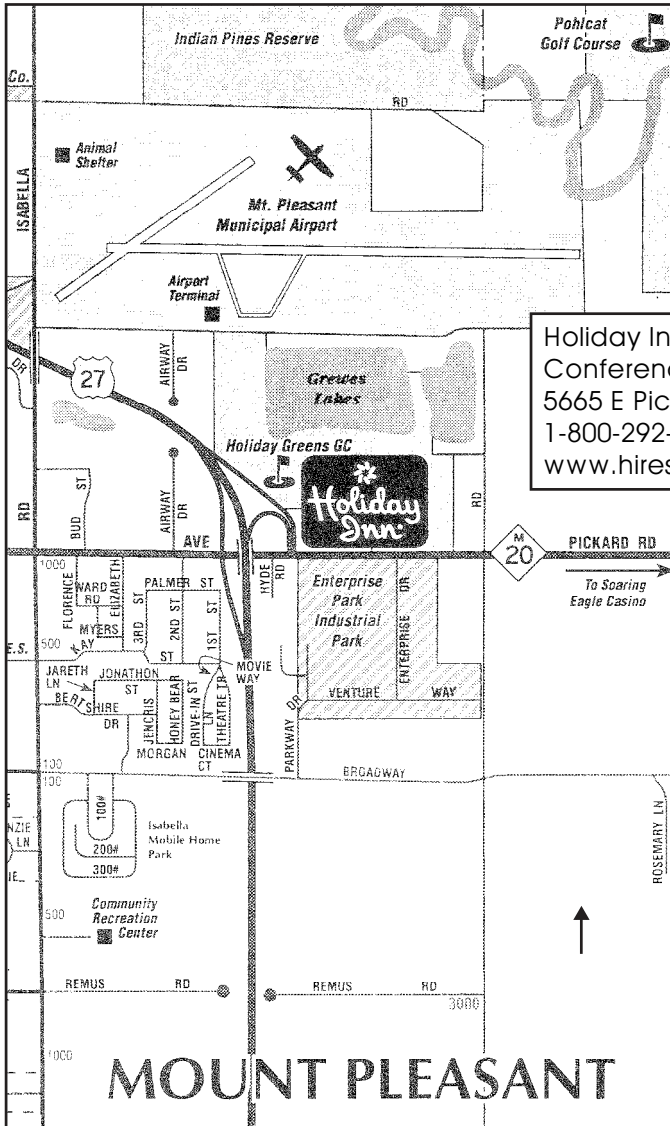
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# Additional Information

## Map



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