



2005 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference

**“Together,  
We Make A Difference”**

Professional Development Conference for  
Educators, Therapists and Parents

Sunday, November 6,  
Monday, November 7,  
and  
Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Kensington Court  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

[www.MichiganPOHISXI.org](http://www.MichiganPOHISXI.org)

# **2005 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference Committee**

## **Ron Zapinski**

Conference Chairperson  
Teacher for SXI  
Macomb Intermediate School  
District

## **Marquita Andion**

Teacher Consultant for POHI  
Oakland Schools

## **Barbara Baldus**

Teacher for SXI, CI  
Charlevoix-Emmett Intermediate  
School District

## **Janet Barker**

Parent/Retired Teacher for SXI, CI

## **Susan Coppersmith**

Elementary Teacher  
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

## **Joanne Cwiklinski**

POHI Consultant  
Macomb Intermediate School  
District

## **Carole Godziszewski**

Retired Teacher Consultant

## **Tom Hildebrandt**

Teacher Consultant for POHI  
Oakland Schools

## **Kathy Knapp**

Teacher for Early Intervention  
Troy School District

## **Cathy Kota**

Teacher for POHI  
Mt. Clemens School District

## **Linda Larson**

Teacher Consultant for POHI  
Birmingham Public Schools

## **Laurene Potter**

Retired POHI/VI Consultant

## **Kelly Mills**

Teacher for POHI  
Mt. Clemens School District

## **Pamela Smith**

Teacher Consultant for POHI  
Wayne/Westland POHI Outreach

## **Deb Therriault**

Teacher for POHI  
Clarkston Community Schools

## **Chris Zapalowski**

Teacher Consultant for POHI  
Wayne/Westland POHI Outreach

# Schedule of Events

**Sunday, November 6, 2005**

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

**2:00 pm Introduction - Grande Ballroom**  
**Ron Zapinski, Chairperson**  
2005 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference

**2:00 - 5:30 pm “Cell Research and Its Future for Special Needs Children”**  
**Dr. K. Sue O’Shea, Ph.D.**  
Professor in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology  
Director of the Center for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research  
University of Michigan Medical School

Enhance your current understanding of cell research as it relates to children with special needs. This presentation will include information on specific areas of research as it may benefit disorders in children and adults.

**3:15 - 3:30 pm Break with refreshments**

**3:30 - 5:30 pm Keynote Speaker Continues**

**5:30 pm Dinner on your own**  
**OR**  
**See the Activities Table** in the Grande Foyer for a dinner option with conference attendees. Menus will be available to assist you in determining the cost of your meal at:  
Common Grill, Chelsea, MI

# Monday, November 7, 2005

**7:30 - 8:15 am**     **Registration and Continuous Breakfast Buffet**  
Begins 7:30 - 11:00 am  
Grande Foyer

**8:15 - 8:30 am**     **Introduction and Welcome** - Grande Ballroom  
**Ron Zapinski**, Chairperson  
2005 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference

**Pam Mish**, Director of Special Education  
Washtenaw Intermediate School District

## Morning Sessions

Choose Session 1 **OR** Choose Two from Sessions 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6

**Session 1**            **“Techniques and Compensatory Strategies**  
**8:30 - 11:45 am**   **in Regards to Swallowing and Dysphasia**  
**Disorders in the POHI/SXI Population”**

**Marc Haxer**, M.A. CCC-SLP  
Clinical Speech and Language Pathology  
Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery  
University of Michigan

**Janel Cicalo**, M.A. CCC-SLP

**Eve Marshall**, M.A. CCC-SLP

Glen Peters School

Macomb Intermediate School District

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

This presentation is in conjunction with Marc Haxer’s discussion on dysphasia. The presenters will discuss oral motor techniques and exercises to help students improve swallowing and reduce drooling. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of possible oral motor exercises for SLP’s, OT’s and teachers.

**Session 2**  
**8:30 - 9:45 am**

**“Preparing POHI Teachers:  
Strategies for the Digital Age”**

**Doug Kish, M.A.**  
Coordinator/Teacher  
High School Special Services  
Stevenson High School  
Utica Community Schools

**Please Note:** This session is repeated in the pm.

The future is now! Over the past ten years technology has taken gigantic leaps in education and great strides in helping students with various disabilities. This presentation focuses on the strategies that teachers of POHI students can use to improve the opportunities for learning in the digital age. A look at lesson design along with tools and strategies on how to manage them will be presented. You will be surprised that with a few new strategies many of the things you want to do may not be as difficult as they seem.

**Session 3**  
**8:30 - 9:45 am**

**“Building Social Competence in POHI  
Students”**

**Judy Coucouvanis, M.A., APRN, BC**  
Clinical Consultant  
Developmental Disorders Clinic  
University of Michigan

**Please Note:** This session is repeated in the pm.

This presentation gives concrete techniques to systematically assess and teach pro-social behavior. Students who have severe social deficits can be taught specific, desirable actions for social competence in settings structured for success.

**9:45 - 10:15 am Break**

Visit Vendor Displays  
Westminster Ballroom

**10:15 - 11:45 am** Session 1 Continues and Sessions 4, 5 or 6

**Session 4**                    **“Puppet Head Shakers”**

**10:15-11:45 am**    **Lenny Schiffman**, SCI Teacher  
**Sandra Swearingen**, SCI Teacher  
Kingsley Montgomery School  
Waterford, MI

**Please Note:** This session is limited to the first 30 registrants and is repeated in the pm.

This “make and take” presentation will teach the craft of making puppet heads from plastic pop bottles thus creating “pop art”. Included will be the art of playing: the spoons and the bones to Irish tunes, the three-string strum stick, the squeeze box, and creating rainsticks from household materials. This promises to be an exciting and fun learning experience for anyone who attends this session!

**Session 5**                    **“Let’s Start Communicating: Ideas to Encourage Communication and Language”**

**10:15-11:45 am**    **Sue Srebnik**, SCI/SXI Teacher  
Pied Piper School  
Alpena, MI

**Please Note:** This session is repeated in the pm.

This workshop highlights beginning augmentative communication strategies from a teacher’s point of view. Sue’s focus uses toys, books and other activities to promote interactive communication and beginning language learning. Low and high tech materials are incorporated along with structuring both the home and school environments to encourage communication. Participants will explore the use of alternative methods of communication and look at some introductory augmentative communication devices.

**Session 6**

**10:15-11:45 am**

**“Facets of Grief”**

**SandCastles Staff**

SandCastles Grief Support Program  
Hospices of Henry Ford Hospital  
Detroit, MI

**Please Note:** This session is limited to the first 30 registrants and is repeated in the pm.

The SandCastles program provides support to families, siblings, classrooms, and professionals throughout the metro Detroit area. This presentation provides an intimate and in-depth discussion of the three adjustment tasks of grief as well as understanding how professionals can help with the grieving process.

**11:45 - 1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

Grande Ballroom

Visit Vendor Displays  
Westminster Ballroom

## Afternoon Sessions

Choose Session 7 **OR** Two from Sessions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13

**Session 7**                    **“M.O.V.E.”**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm**           **Mobility Opportunities Via Education**  
**Roger Buurma, RPT, MIT**  
M.O.V.E. International Trainer  
Ottawa Area Center, Zeeland, Michigan

**Please Note:** This session lasts the entire afternoon.

This presentation will provide the rationale, history and background of the M.O.V.E. program to help children of all ages develop physical skills necessary to sit independently, stand, bear weight, and/or take reciprocal walking steps. There will be in-depth instruction on how to use the M.O.V.E. curriculum in school, at home, and in the community using the six steps of M.O.V.E. A video demonstration of how the program could work in the classroom, teaching suggestions, parent ideas to encourage mobility at home, and equipment suggestions will be presented.

**Session 8**                    **“Facets of Grief”**  
**1:00 - 2:15 pm**           **SandCastles Staff**  
SandCastles Grief Support Program  
Hospices of Henry Ford Hospital  
Detroit, MI

**Please Note:** Session limit is 30 registrants and is a repeat of the am session.

The SandCastles program provides support to families, siblings, classrooms, and professionals throughout the metro Detroit area. This presentation provides an intimate and in-depth discussion of the three adjustment tasks of grief as well as understanding how professionals can help with the grieving process.

**Session 9**  
**1:00 - 2:15 pm**

**“Let’s Start Communicating: Ideas to Encourage Communication and Language”**

**Sue Srebnik**, SCI/SXI Teacher  
Pied Piper School  
Alpena, MI

**Please Note:** This session is a repeat of the am session.

This workshop highlights beginning augmentative communication strategies from a teacher’s point of view. Sue’s focus uses toys, books and other activities to promote interactive communication and beginning language learning. Low and high tech materials are incorporated along with structuring both the home and school environments to encourage communication. Participants will explore the use of alternative methods of communication and look at some introductory augmentative communication devices.

**Session 10**  
**1:00 - 2:15 pm**

**“Toilet Training Strategies for Children with Severe Impairments”**

**Judy Coucouvanis**, M.A., APRN, BC  
Clinical Consultant  
Developmental Disorders Clinic  
University of Michigan

Using multiple case examples, this presentation shows teachers how to collect necessary data, establish a successful toileting routine, manage accidents, and follow a proven plan to help students master this essential skill.

**2:15 - 2:45 pm**

**Break**  
**Visit Vendor Displays**  
Westminster Ballroom

**2:45 - 4:00 pm** Session 7 Continues and Sessions 11, 12 or 13

**Session 11** **“Puppet Head Shakers”**

**2:45 - 4:00 pm** **Lenny Schiffman**, SCI Teacher  
**Sandra Swearingen**, SCI Teacher  
Kingsley Montgomery School  
Waterford, MI

**Please Note:** Session limit is 30 registrants and is a repeat of the am session.

This “make and take” presentation will teach the craft of making puppet heads from plastic pop bottles thus creating “pop art”. Included will be the art of playing: the spoons and the bones to Irish tunes, the three-string strum stick, the squeeze box, and creating rainsticks from household materials. This promises to be an exciting and fun learning experience for anyone who attends this session!

**Session 12** **“Preparing POHI Teachers:  
Strategies for the Digital Age”**

**2:45 - 4:00 pm** **Doug Kish**, M.A.  
Coordinator/Teacher  
High School Special Services  
Stevenson High School  
Utica Community Schools

**Please Note:** This session is a repeat of the am session.

The future is now! Over the past ten years technology has taken gigantic leaps in education and has taken great strides in helping students with various disabilities. This presentation focuses on the strategies that teachers of POHI students can use to improve the opportunities for learning in the digital age. A look at lesson design along with tools and strategies on how to manage them will be presented. You will be surprised that with a few new strategies many of the things you want to do may not be as difficult as they seem.

**Session 13**  
**2:45 - 4:00 pm**

**“Building Social Competence in POHI Students”**

**Judy Coucouvanis, M.A., APRN, BC**  
Clinical Consultant  
Developmental Disorders Clinic  
University of Michigan

**Please Note:** This session is a repeat of the am session.

This presentation gives concrete techniques to systematically assess and teach pro-social behavior. Students who have severe social deficits can be taught specific, desirable actions for social competence in settings structured for success.

**4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Visit Vendor Displays**  
Westminster Ballroom

**5:30 pm**

**Dinner on your own**

**Or**

**See the Activities Table** in the Grande Foyer for a dinner option with conference attendees. Menus will be available to assist you in determining the cost of your meal at:  
Zingerman’s Road House, Ann Arbor, MI

## **Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

**7:45 - 8:15 am**    **Continuous Breakfast Buffet Begins**  
7:30 - 11:00 am  
Grande Foyer  
**Hotel Checkout**

**8:15 - 8:30 am**    **Introduction and Welcome -**  
Grande Ballroom  
Ron Zapinski, Chairperson  
2005 Michigan POHI/SXI Conference

**8:30 - 11:00 am**    **“What’s New with IDEA 2004” plus**  
**“Tips on Avoiding and Addressing Common**  
**Disputes”**  
**Lyn Beekman**  
Special Education Solutions  
Okemos, MI

Lyn will highlight new provisions of IDEA 2004 that impact us the most. Plus, he will provide some insight on how to address several of the problems we typically confront in special education.

**9:30 - 9:45 am**    **Break**

**9:45 - 11:00 am**    **Keynote Speaker Continues**

**11:00-12:15 pm**    **Lunch on your own**  
**Site Presentations**

**11:00 - 2:30 pm Site Presentations:** All site presentation times as noted.

**1) High Point School**

Washtenaw Intermediate School District  
**Neal Elyakin**, Principal  
SXI Program

Presentation times:

11:00 - 12:30 pm **and** 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**2) Mott Children's Hospital**

Child Life Department  
**Carol Fanning**, Hospital Teacher  
Classroom, Art and Music Therapists  
will tie in pediatric rehabilitation.

Presentation time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

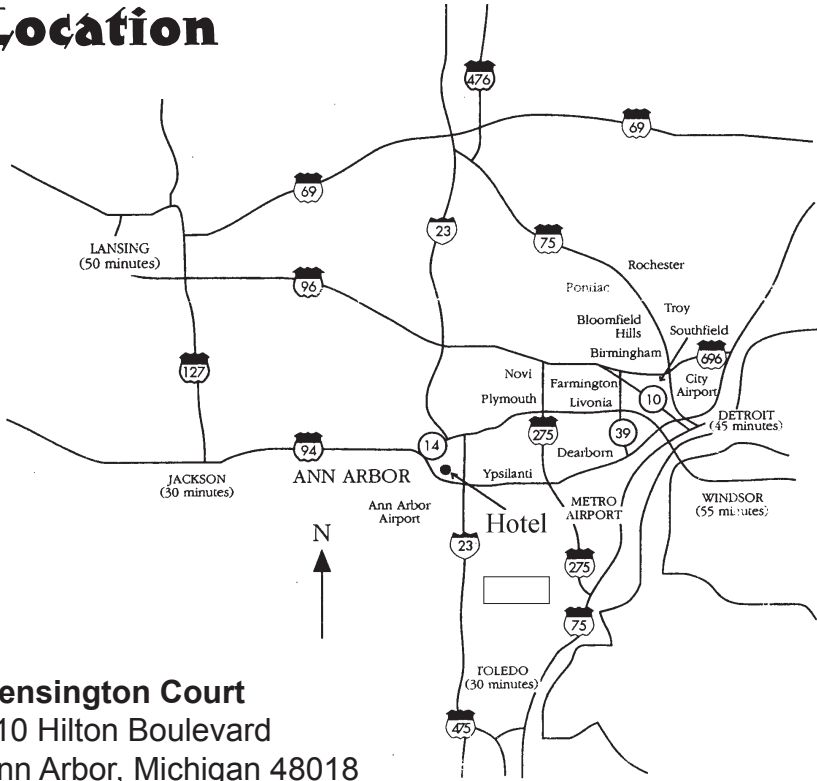
**Please Note:** This site visitation is limited to the first 16 registrants per facility limitations.

**3) Haisley Elementary School**

Ann Arbor Public Schools  
**Angela Christiansen**, PI/SXI Teacher  
**Courtney Crowley**, PI/SXI Teacher  
K-2 and 3-5 PI/SXI Classrooms

Presentation time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

# Location



**Kensington Court**  
610 Hilton Boulevard  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48018

## From US-23 North or South and I-94 Westbound

Take I-94 West toward Chicago. Exit at State Street 177. Turn right on State Street and left at first available left turn. Southbound Travelers should be careful not to exit US-23 onto Business 94 West or M-14 West, stay on US-23 until you reach Interstate 94 West.

## From I-94 Eastbound

Exit at State Street 177. Turn left on State Street and left at first available left turn.

The Hotel is marked with a Kensington Court Sign at the front of our property facing State Street. The entrance to the hotel is located on the Briarwood Mall Circle Drive which is the first available left turn heading north on State Street.



**Tom Hildebrandt**  
31032 Carriage Hill  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331