



# In Touch

With Sensory Research Center

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## Providing Hope & Help in a Sensory Overloaded World

Treating children & adults with Autism, ADD/ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Brain Injuries

### Judah's Victory



Judah Aguiar was a recent recipient of our scholarship program. He is 7 years old and is diagnosed with Autism. Judah also has a sensory disorder that manifests itself in many ways including constant irritability, causing him to have a difficult attitude and unmanageable behaviors. Judah was angry and full of rage. He was physically

aggressive and verbally volatile, saying terrible and disrespectful things. In fact, Judah's behavior got so out of control he had to be home-schooled because the school was unable to handle him. Although Judah had a very sweet side, his mother couldn't seem to stabilize his behavior.

Judah came through the program in December 2009. Judah's mother Tammy had faith that the neurosensory program (ISP) would help her son but the results exceeded her expectations. On the last day of their trip to California, Judah told his mother he felt different, that he was "all better". The next victory came when Judah and his mother flew home to Hawaii. Judah was able to enjoy a fireworks show without wearing headphones to protect his ears from the loud noise. When the fireworks were over he turned to his mother and said, "My ears don't hurt anymore."

In addition to Judah overcoming his sensory disorder, his homework and school work improved due to an increased ability to focus. His mother has reported that she has not seen any aggressive behavior and finds her son to be more calm, present and positive. Thrilled with the results Tammy says, **"I felt that something was missing that could help Judah with his sensory problems and bad behavior. I am so grateful God led us to SRC. The program was eye opening and life changing"**.

### FREE Seminar Sponsored by SRC "Changes in the State Budget and its Impact on Family Services"

Presented by Mark Woodsmall of Woodsmall Law Group

February 23, 2010

6:30-8:30

21250 Hawthorne Blvd

Torrance, CA 90503

Please join us for a FREE workshop where we will discuss changes in the state budget and how it may impact services for families with special needs children.

RSVP to Jennifer at 310.698.9008

*Space is limited, so please call our office to register*

Mark Woodsmall is an Attorney who has dedicated his practice to Special Education and representation before the Regional Center. His son is also diagnosed with Autism. He is a frequent lecturer on parents rights under IDEA Section 504 and the Lanterman Act. He was also a guest speaker at the 2005 National Downs Syndrome Congress.



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## Sensory Processing Dysfunction/ Disorder

More Common Than You Think

### How do you know if you or your child is suffering from Sensory Processing Dysfunction?

According to the Autism Society of America, most if not all individuals on the Autism Spectrum have some form of Sensory Processing Disorder- being either overly sensitive or under sensitive to stimuli such as light, sound or touch. Those diagnosed with Asperger's, ADD, ADHD, and Dyslexia often have these symptoms as well. Unfortunately, parents across the country still encounter professionals with little or no knowledge of the role in Sensory Integration and do not know how to assess it accurately. Sensory processing imbalances contribute to many of the communication and behavioral challenges that our kids face in today's world and vary from person to person. Some individuals have overly sensitive reactions to touch, taste, certain sounds and even light.

Other symptoms include problems with coordination, delays in speech and language, motor skill difficulties

and usually high or low activity levels. Behaviorally, Sensory Dysfunction can manifest itself as impulsivity, distractibility, irritability, and difficulties with social skills. Sensory overload can also make it difficult to focus and pay attention which manifests most in school settings.

Capitalizing on the brains neuroplasticity with a multimodal approach can help resolve sensory overload on the neurological system. Sensory Research Center does this by using Optometric Phototherapy, Auditory Integration Training, and Vestibular Stimulation to retrain the sensory system to work in alignment with brain function. Our “Individualized Sensory Program” is tailored to meet the needs of each individual's deficits. As a result, we see improvements in speech, language, focus, attention, hyperactivity, gross motor and fine motor skills. This neurosensory stimulation builds a firm foundation for more advanced and complex learning and cognitive training programs. Call us at **310.698.9008** to schedule testing to see if your child may have sensory processing difficulties.

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

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

#### “Night of Laughter Just for the Kids”

at Delzано's By the Sea  
in Redondo Beach

Come join us for a hysterical night of comedy, fabulous food, raffles and shopping! A fun filled night to support individuals diagnosed with Autism and other disabilities.

#### Save the Date

April 16, 2010

Tickets Purchased in Advance \$30  
or \$40 at the door

Call 310.698.9008 to order tickets  
or order online at

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We have many children awaiting scholarships. Please donate today so we can continue to provide children and their families with help and hope.

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or mail your donation to  
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**Your help is greatly appreciated!**