



8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRY

Speaker: Mary van Hoy

Credentials: AOA, COVD, CSO, NORA

Time/Date Scheduled: 0900 – 1030 on Sunday, 29 April 2018

Location: Plenary

Biography: Dr. VanHoy is a neuro-developmental optometrist with almost forty-seven years of clinical experience in Indianapolis, Indiana. Last summer, she expanded her health care services by establishing the Sensory Learning Center of Seattle, Washington. The Sensory Learning Program is training individuals of all ages to integrate the vestibular, visual, and auditory channels through the unique, gentle, simultaneous, multi-modal stimulation which is effective for patients with autistic spectrum disorder, acquired brain injuries, or learning differences.

Presentation Title: **The Whole Is Greater Than The Sum Of Its Parts**

Abstract: Three clinical case studies will be presented to illustrate the features and benefits of gently but simultaneously stimulating three channels of the nervous system via Mary Bolles' Sensory Learning Program to bring about significant results not achieved with separate stimulations. How preconceived notions and biases can prevent clinical progress or "When the student is ready, the teacher appears". What the Sensory Learning Program has shown from past clinical results with autistic spectrum disorder patients, how its present application includes far more than ASD patients but also patients of all ages including those with acquired brain injuries and learning differences due to sensory integration challenges, and what the future holds for additional refinement of this unique clinical tool. This presentation will be illustrated by three cases: 1) a 7 yo ASD patient purportedly with a 67 IQ 2) a 31 yo mother of four with post concussion syndrome 3) a 10 yo with a history of two eye muscle surgeries for esotropia and how the Sensory Learning Program enhanced previous vision therapy received as well as improved academics.