

Comments from presentations and courses:

Valerie,

I wanted to send you a note to again thank you so much for letting me attend the HANDLE workshop in Guelph last month. I really feel that this approach to LD and ADD and autism etc. is the missing link I have been searching for re how to help so many kids out there. I remain as pumped and enthused about what I learned from you now as I was that weekend. You did a wonderful job teaching us all about this remarkable program. This all makes so much sense to me. It fills in the gaps that medicine couldn't. Dr. Wendy Edwards

Dear Valerie;

I attended your wonderful information/introductory seminar a few weeks ago. Thank-you so much for putting that on. I have a "normal" (have we got a definition for that yet? I am a doctor and I don't anymore), healthy, wonderful, talented, spirited, 8 year old daughter. However, her challenges and behaviours are really perplexing at times and I feel like she is working overtime to achieve (or not achieve) some things which should be basic life skills at her age. The pieces of the puzzle are starting to come into focus for me since I attended your seminar and I believe there is a way out of our mutual frustrations. However I certainly cannot put the pieces together and I believe you can.

- opened my eyes to why everyone reacts to things differently
- passionate speaker
- very informative where do I go to sign up
- must be included (in the conference) every year
- I would enjoy part two of this workshop for more ideas and suggestions for helping staff and children to assist the individual's development.
- Val was the answers I have been searching for!
- You are an excellent educator.
- And I would like to thank you more than you could ever know for speaking this past weekend - it was unbelievably amazing. I'm an educational assistant who has been working with a boy for the past couple of years and it was his mother who asked if my partner would attend. We have seen such amazing progress since he has started with RDI and we can NOT wait to get HANDLE going. You have definitely inspired a whole lot of people. Thank you so much!
- Well, needless to say, the RDI world is psyched about Handle! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the weekend, and how the information I learned (and hope to build on) is just what we've been missing.

- Valerie, you're quite a gal! Your commitment and dedication to these beautiful little people is so powerful and moving.
- Hello, I know very little about the Handle program, my sister-in-law went to the two day seminar and said this may be useful for my 17 year old son. She was very impressed with your presentation. How would I go about having him assessed?
- We've tried many things in the past and had some limited success. I don't want to leave any stone unturned. My son has "a little bit of this, a little bit of that" meaning some language processing issues, disorganization etc...but it all adds up and his life is affected every way. I feel there is a smart, potentially successful person locked inside, I just need to find him.
- Our daughter has multiple sensory issues (which I realized more fully as I listened to your presentation last weekend.) As a pharmacist my interest until now has been in dietary and supplemental interventions.
- I have been telling everyone about Handle, and sharing some of the things I learned. I will be passing the registration form on to many.