

DR. MEHRNAZ D. AZIMI GREEN

Neuro-Developmental Optometrist

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Optometry, Nova Southeastern College of Optometry, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 2002
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD, 1997

CERTIFICATIONS

- Neuro-Optometric & Rehabilitation Organization Fellowship Candidate 2012-present
- DIR-FCD Certified Profectum Professional in Developmental Optometry 2012-present
- Intermediate DIR Floortime provider, 2011-present
- Board Certified in Vision Development and Vision Therapy, College of Optometrists in Vision Development, 2009 – present

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Vision and Conceptual Development Center January 2004–Current

- Exclusive vision therapy practice with a Piagetian approach of development and vision
- Evaluating children and adults for developmental delays in the areas of ocular sensorimotor, visual thinking, visuo-auditory, vision development, visuo-motor, visuo-verbal, visually guided movement, visuo-logic, as well as visual acuity
- Creating and performing vision therapy programs to eliminate developmental delays
- Working with children and adults with varying degrees of brain injury, and behavioral disorders, including non-verbal patients

Xspectacle Eyecare February 2005-October 2009

- Providing excellent contact lens and eyeglass care
- Diagnosing and treating ocular and systemic disease

Medfield/Hopkinton Eye Associates September 2002–March 2004

- Independently developed a behavioral practice within two existing practices
- Skilled in performing evaluations and treatment of strabismus, heterophoria, sensorimotor, visual perceptual (developmental) and amblyopia conditions
- Designed and performed individual vision therapy programs for patients with various visual disorders
- Primary optometric care to adults and children, including infants and toddlers.

Longwood Eye Care September 2002-March 2004

- Primary optometric care including specialty contact lens fittings and diagnosing and treating ocular disease
- Proficient in performing collagen and silicon punctal plugs and treating severe dry eye patients

LECTURES

- June 2020: Optometry's Role in Working with Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. iHeartVT International Virtual Conference.
- April 2020: An Optometrist's Guide to Developmental Delays. iHeartVT International Virtual Conference.
- April 2020: Vision is a Piece of the Puzzle: Working with Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder. iHeartVT International Virtual Conference.
- July 2019: Eye Tracking and Concussions. National Rehabilitation Hospital. Washington, DC
- January 2019: Interoception: The Hidden Sense. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Washington, DC
- October 2018: OT's Guide to Neuro-Developmental Optometry. Skills on the Hill Occupational Therapy Group. Washington, DC
- April 2018: Visuo-Cognitive Therapy: a Therapist's Guide. Pediatric speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy departments of Georgetown University Hospital. Washington, DC
- March 2018: Optometry through a Developmental Lens: Evaluating and Treating Special Needs Patients. Studt Foundation 159th Practicum. Western University: Pomona, CA
- January 2018: Optometry's Role in Working with Veterans with TBI and PTSD. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Washington, DC
- August 2017: Visual-Cognitive Learning with Children with Special Needs. Bridges Public Charter School. Washington, DC
- June 2017: Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury: Optometric Evaluation and Treatment. See Clearly Vision Conference. Tyson's Corner, VA
- January 2017: The Effects of Visual-Cognitive Therapy with Patients with Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- November 2016: Vision: More than What Meets the Eye. Skills on the Hill Occupational Therapy Group. Washington, DC
- May 2016: The Link Between Vision and Learning. Auburn School. Silver Spring, MD
- October 2015: Visual-Cognitive Hands on Workshop with the entire occupational therapy department of the Lab School of Washington. Chevy Chase, MD
- November 2014: Brain Injury & Neuro Optometric Rehabilitation. See Clearly Vision Conference. Tyson's Corner, VA
- January 2014: Visual-Cognitive Hands on Workshop with Sensational Kids occupational and physical therapy department. Chevy Chase, MD
- November 2013: How Vision Impacts Learning, Behavior and Activities of Daily Living. Skills on the Hill Occupational Therapy Group. Washington, DC

- October 2013: Presented with Dr. Leonard Press: Do You “See” It? Recognizing Challenges and Intervention Options. Profectum Annual DIR Conference. New York, NY
- May 2013: DIR Through a Developmental Optometry Lens. Profectum & Celebrate the Children Annual Education Conference. Morristown, NJ
- January 2013: Visual-Cognitive Therapy: Piagetian-Based Developmental Optometry Meets DIR/Floortime. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- November 27, 2012: Strabismus & Amblyopia: Clinical Pearls for the Primary Care Optometrist. See Clearly Vision Conference. Tyson’s Corner, VA
- June 2012: Sports Performance: The Visual Connection. Motion Education. Rockville, MD
- February 2012: Visuo-Cognitive Therapy: What is it and Why Should I Care? The Lab School. Washington, DC
- January 2012: Looking at Behavioral Challenges through a Developmental Lens. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- June 2011: Vision Development in the Special Needs Population. Minds in Motion Academy. Manassas, VA
- January 2011: Father (and Mother) Knows Best: Working with Families of Special Needs Children. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- March 2010: Vision Development of the Infant and Young Child. Hirsh Academy Presentation and Workshop. Decatur, Georgia
- April 2010: Vision Therapy for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. International Congress of Behavioral Optometry. Ontario, CA
- January 2010: Neurological Implications of Piagetian Vision Therapy. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- August 2009: Helping Students Achieve Their Potential with Visuo-Cognitive Therapy. The Newton School. Sterling, VA
- January 2009: Climbing the Socio-Emotional and Cognitive Ladder with Visuo-Cognitive Therapy. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Bethesda, MD
- October 2008: Visuo-Cognitive Therapy: Developing the Mind through Vision. Children’s Innovative Therapy Group. Bethesda, MD
- January 2008: Affect and Vision Therapy. Kraskin Invitational Skeffington Symposium. Arlington, VA
- November 2007 presented with Dr. Serena Wieder: The Interconnected Highway of Abstracting Thinking: A View of Visual Spatial Capacities. ICDL Annual International Conference for Children with Autism and Special Needs. McLean, VA
- December 2002: Visual Skills and Vision Therapy. Occupational and Physical Therapy Department of Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA
- September 2002: Vision Related Learning Problems. Occupational Therapy Department of the Medfield School District. Medfield, MA

PROFESSIONAL POSTERS

- College of Optometrist in Vision Development April 2018 Conference: OPTOMETRY'S ROLE IN WORKING WITH VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND POST TRAUMA STRESS DISORDER
- College of Optometrist in Vision Development April 2015 Conference: DIPLOPIA AND OCULAR ASTHENOPIA CAUSED BY HERPES ZOSTER ENCEPHALITIS.
- College of Optometrists in Vision Development October 2012 Conference: WORKING WITH PATIENTS WITH PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS (PANDAS)
- Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association April 2012 Conference: OPTOMETRIC VISION THERAPY'S ROLE IN AGENESIS OF THE CORPUS CALLOSUM (ACC)
- College of Optometrists in Vision Development October 2010 Conference: OPTOMETRIC VISION THERAPY'S ROLE IN REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY SYNDROME (RSDS)

PUBLICATIONS

- Remote vision therapy at VCDC: Lessons Learned from Dr. Harry Wachs. Vision Development & Rehabilitation. 2020; Volume 6(2):107-20.
- Successful Optometric Vision Therapy for Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Engaging Patients with Visual-Cognitive Therapy. Journal Optometry & Visual Performance. 2014 Volume 2 p. 470-477.
- Co-Author of section: "Vision Therapy Using Floortime Techniques" pp.246-248 in Envisioning a Brighter Future-Interventions that Work for Children and Adults with Autism-Spectrum Disorders. Editor Patricia Lemer. OEP Foundation: 2008.
- Sickle Cell Disease: A Behavioral Approach to a Systemic Disease. Journal of Behavioral Optometry. 2002 Volume 14: p.3-5.

AWARDS

- 2002 Luxottica Award for Clinical Excellence For Pediatric Care and Vision Therapy
- 2002 Varilux Award Nationwide recipient
- 2002 Alcon Clinical Excellence Award
- 2001 Certificate of Appreciation, Nova Southeastern University For providing vision screenings for the homeless at the Salvation Army

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Vision Consultant at numerous MD, DC, & VA public and private schools
- Volunteer & Clinical Director at Special Olympics 2005–current
- Massachusetts Association for the Blind 2003–2004
- Salvation Army of Broward County 2000–2001