## **Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Institute**



...because words are not enough

## Sensorimotor Psychotherapy for Developmental Injury addresses the interaction

between traumatic, attachment, and developmental issues and how to provide effective treatment given their inevitable intertwining. In this training, research from the attachment and neuroscience fields provides the theoretical foundation for Sensorimotor Psychotherapy<sup>sm</sup> interventions and practices that address the effects of suboptimal and/ or traumatic early attachment.

Experiences in early childhood leave a legacy of conscious and nonverbal learning reflected in relational habits, affect tolerance and expression, meaning making and cognitive schemas that limit development, patterns of body structure, and the ability to connect deeply to one's own emotions. In the training, participants will learn to track and name developmental and attachment patterns, help clients make meaning from the bottom up, manage consciousness, assess resources for relationship and full participation in life, connect to early memories and unresolved grief and loss, and transform painful emotions held by young child states

SP for the Treatment of Developmental Injury consists of approximately 126 contact hours divided into 7 multi-day modules, for a total of 21 days. Modules are typically spaced 4-8 weeks apart; trainings typically complete within 9-12 months.

Students will form peer-partner dyads and two to four dyads will form a studygroup. Between modules, students will work through the assignments in the manual and practice both in dyads and in groups. In general 40-60 hours preparation and practice are needed in between the modules. The final assignment will take16 hours (case description and reflection, case in sensorimotor format).

During training, a trainer will be assisted by 4-7 SP assistants. These are SP-trained and/or certified therapists so all students can get feedback during practice, optimizing their personal learning experience

