

Welcome To STAR Center

Improved learning, behavior, concentration and memory are just a few of the many benefits of a therapy which was first introduced to the Village in November 2005, at the Sensory Therapies And Research Center (STAR). Founded by Dr. Ron Minson and Dr. Lucy Jane Miller, the STAR Center is a therapy clinic that specializes in treating children with learning, behavior, attention and motor difficulties. They also work with adults seeking to improve their memory, mental processing and general well-being.

The STAR Center's unique therapeutic method combines occupational therapy and listening therapy to create a natural and highly effective approach. The goal of occupational therapy, conducted in a sensory-rich environment, is to enable a child to participate more fully in the normal events of daily life. The child is guided through games and activities that provide increasing challenges to his or her abilities. This may look like play but each task has



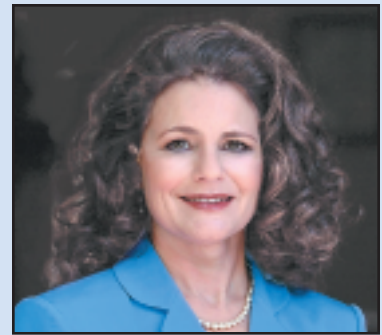
specific objectives. For example, with the use of a climbing wall children can increase their balance, strength, coordination, body awareness, motor planning and visual skills. All of these are building blocks for higher levels of learning and behavior. Frequently parents notice an

immediate increase in self-confidence and self-esteem in their children. This success would not be possible without the involvement of the parents, working side-by-side with the therapist.

When you walk into the STAR Center, you may see children wearing special, wireless headphones while playing on



Dr. Ron Minson



Dr. Lucy Jane Miller

swings, slides and jungle gyms in a playground setting. The children are engaged in retraining their listening skills as the music of Mozart or their mother's voice is transmitted through their headphones.

"The ear is the battery that energizes the developing brain," explained Dr. Minson. When the brain is well-charged and energized from the high frequency sounds of the music, it enables a person to better focus, concentrate, organize, memorize and learn effectively.

Dr. Minson has been practicing listening therapy for the past 15 years. He believes that using the combined method of occupational therapy and listening therapy makes a tremendous difference in people's lives.

"It's rewarding to see a child happier with his life whether by interacting more with his parents, riding a bike for the first time, doing well in his studies, or developing good relationship with his peers. That is why we are here," commented Dr. Minson.

A customized program is created for each child's specific needs. It is an intensive program where the client is seen two to three days per week for a total of 20 sessions. The goal is to



complete the necessary treatment in a short period of time to enable a child to go out into the real world and continue the techniques learned in a non-clinical environment.

"I chose to

open my clinic in Greenwood Village because of its proximity to family-oriented communities," Dr. Minson said. "The parks and trails in the Village offer the perfect setting for families to play outdoors, while reinforcing the techniques we are teaching," noted Dr. Minson.

STAR Center is located at 5655 South Yosemite Street, Suite 302, and is open for business Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to learn more about the STAR Center and their programs, please contact Randall Redfield, Marketing Director, at 303-221-STAR (7827) or visit their Web site at www.starcenter.us.