

Occupational Therapy Services

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages to help them participate in activities or occupations that are meaningful to them. For children, these activities are the means through which they learn, play, and develop life skills.

Children who are unable to perform certain activities, such as building a block tower, completing a puzzle, coloring, or cutting may have underlying developmental issues that are impacting their ability to learn. Occupational therapists intervene to address these difficulties as early as possible in order to ensure that this child can reach his/her full learning potential in the future.

Some of the specific areas that occupational therapists assess are gross motor skills, fine motor skills, visual perception, play skills, emotional regulation, and sensory integration (the way the child interprets environmental stimuli, such as touch, smells, tastes, movements, and auditory information).

Furthermore, occupational therapists address handwriting issues, which can result from many varying underlying issues such as poor posture, weak fine motor skills, poor visual spatial skills, or other sensory processing difficulties.

Occupational therapy screening is offered through the Yeshiva, to students in Klurman Elementary School and the Esformes Early Childhood Center, in order to identify children who may require intervention. Please complete the form below if you would like to have your child screened. The screenings take place during the first few weeks of school. The therapist will contact you before the screening exam is scheduled.

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please indicate which therapist you prefer to perform the screening exam.

- Sunshine Therapy Partners
- Ayala Bengio
- Baila Mann
- No Preference

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to receive an OT screening at KES/EECC. Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$50 per child for this service. (Payable to the therapist)

Please see the reverse side for information about each of the occupational therapists who will be providing screenings.

Baila Mann MS, OTR/L (516)987-7066

Baila Mann received a bachelor's degree in health sciences and a master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Touro College School of Health Sciences. She is also a certified executive function consultant. Baila has years of experience working in the pediatric population, with both general education and special education students of all ages. She is constantly updating her skills and knowledge with educational courses, and she has extensive training in primitive reflex integration, sensory integration, executive function skills, fine and gross motor skills, and visual perceptual/motor skills. While practicing, Baila infuses her energy and creativity into every session. She facilitates a sense of independence while working with the child on developing age appropriate skills. She now practices privately with preschool through high school aged students in North Miami Beach.

Sunshine Therapy Partners, LLC—Nechama Turk, MS, OTR/L and Aliza Sakowitz, MS, OTR/L (305)336-5381 or 954-651-2969

Nechama Turk, MS, OTR/L and Aliza Sakowitz, BS, MS, OTR/L were both born and raised in South Florida and joined forces in 2017 and set out to make therapies affordable to everyone by accepting as many forms of payment as possible. No child should be turned away. They and their team of occupational therapists are experienced and adept at working with children on a variety of skills including fine and gross motor skills, attention span, visual and perceptual difficulties, disorganization, emotional regulation, and sensory integration. All of our therapists have worked with a significant diversity of individuals and groups in different states and pride themselves on their problem solving abilities in identifying issues, evaluating the individual dynamic in light of those issues, and creating plans while working collaboratively with parents to achieve the best school experience for our children. Sunshine Therapy accepts the Gardiner Scholarship, Insurance, Medicaid, Healthy Kids and Private Pay.

Ayala Bengio, MS, OTR/L (443) 939-6473

Ayala is an occupational therapist who is passionate about helping her clients reach their full potential. She has practiced school-based therapy for many years, working with both general education students and children with special needs. Ayala places a focus on including movement and reflex integration into her sessions. She also uses her warm personality to connect with each child and incorporates fun activities and games to reach the child's goals. Ayala loves to help children learn new skills, gain independence, and be proud of their achievements. Ayala has received advanced training in Masgutova Neurosensorimotor Reflex Integration (MNRI), The Astronaut Training program; a vestibular, auditory, and visual program, sensory integration, fine and gross motor skills, self-regulation, and self-care/ daily living skills. Ayala is also an ADHD Certified Rehabilitation Services Provider. She is an approved provider for the Gardiner/ FES-UA scholarship.